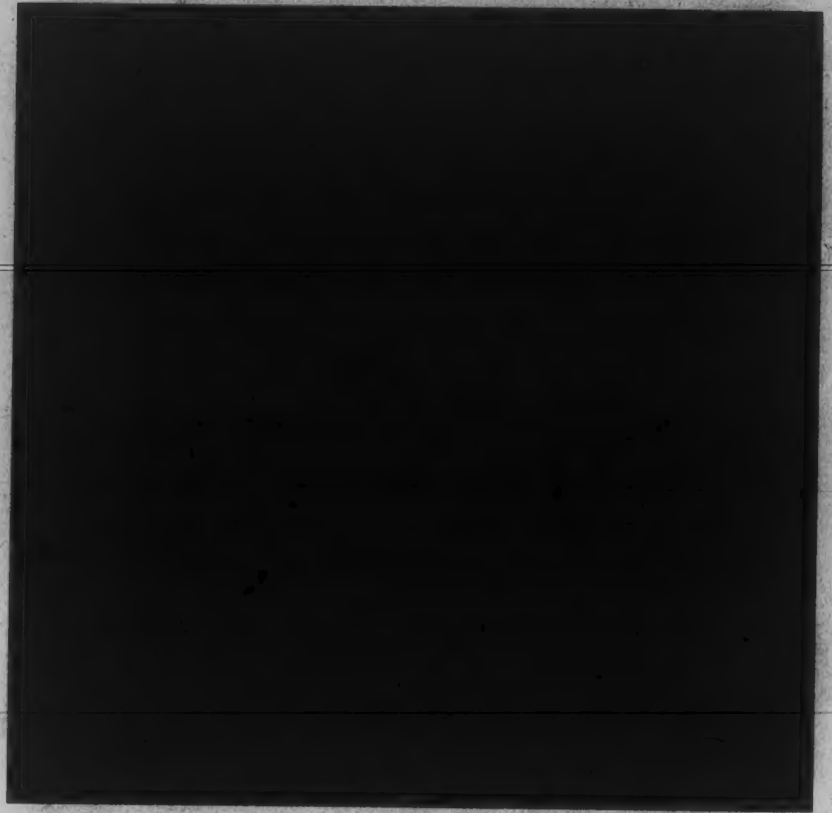
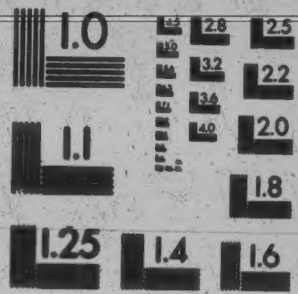
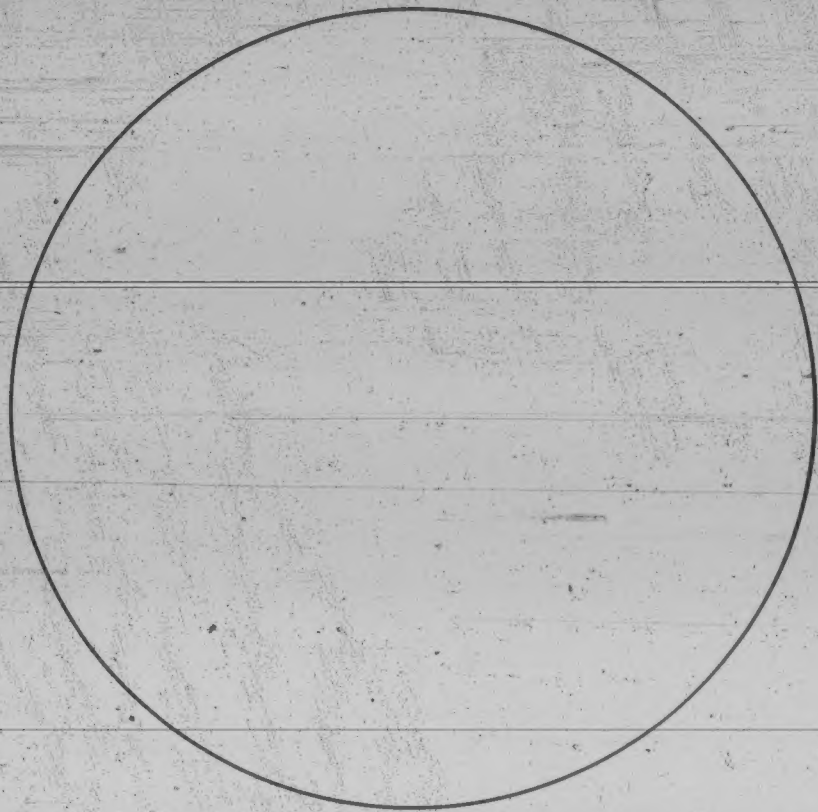
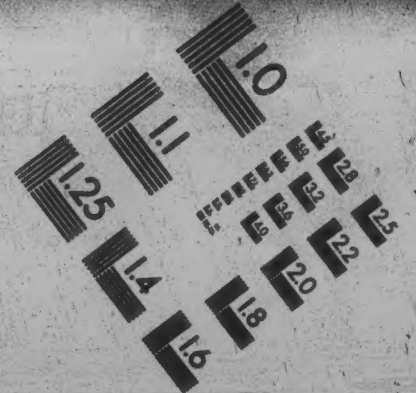
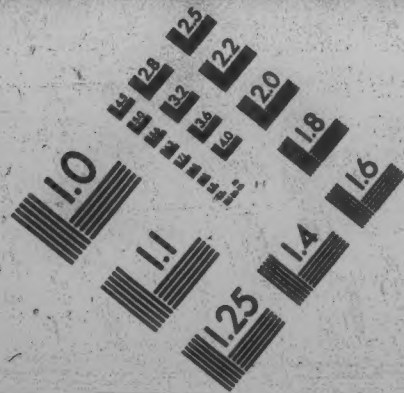


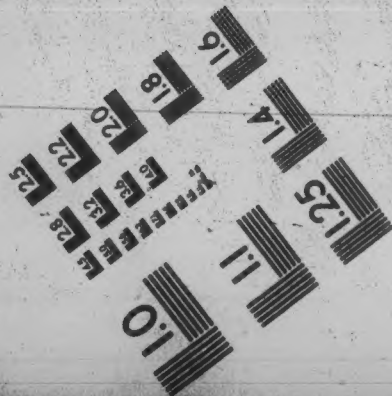
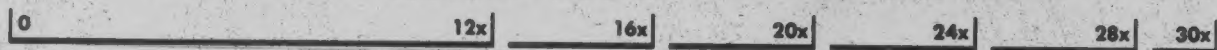


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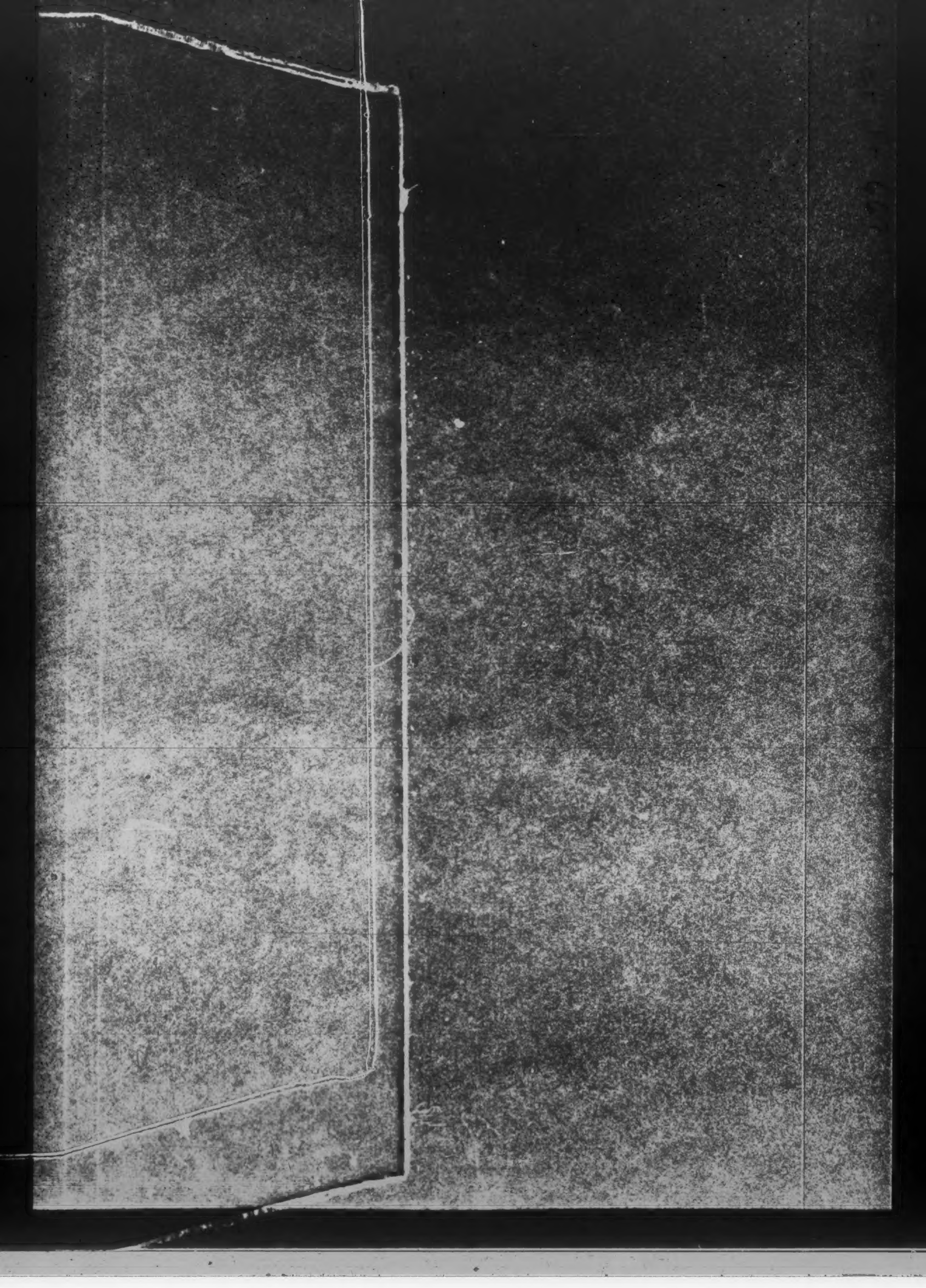
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Department of the Interior  
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Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 26th 1901.

In the matter of the application of George Crossland for the enrollment of his son JONAS CROSSLAND as a Cherokee Freedman: He being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. George Crossland-  
Q What is your age? A. 61.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Braggs.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Illinois.  
Q Are you a recognized Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who is it that you want to have enrolled now? A. My son Jonas Crossland  
Q How old is he? A. 23.  
Q Why is he not here himself? A. He is not in his right mind and he wouldn't know the way to come here.  
Q Is he married? A. No sir.  
Q What is this boy's mother's name? A. Grace Crossland.  
Q Did you ever have a boy named Jonah? A. No sir Jonas.  
Q Did you ever know a Jonas Crossland? A. No sir.  
Q Did you have a child named Harriet? A. Yes sir.

The authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 617, No. 451, Jonas Crossland, Illinois district.

The 1895 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 244, No. 100, Jonas Crossland, Illinois district.

- Q Was Jonas born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is he living here now? A. Yes sir.  
Q We find on the the 1880 roll the name of Jonas Crossland, is that intended for your son Jonas? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles,-

The name of Jonas Crossland is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Jonas Crossland, and is duly identified as the applicant; he is also identified as Jonas Crossland on the census roll of 1895; satisfactory proof is made as to his residence and as to why he is nowhere in person to apply for himself; he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 26th of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas von Weise*  
*T. B. Needles*

Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

APR 28 1901

Post Office

Cragg St.

District

Ill

1. Name

Gervas Grosland

Age

32

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1888

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No.

431

District

Ill

Parents:

Father

Gervas Grosland

Citizenship

Mother

Grace

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

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Names of Children:

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Application made by

Gervas Grosland

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Hans von Hesse

1. On 1888 roll as Josiah Grosland  
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In the matter of the application of William Chouteau for the enrollment of himself and wife and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; he having a sworn by Commissioner T. D. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. William Chouteau.  
Q How old are you? A. Don't exactly know my age, somewhere in 30 though.  
Q What is your present office address? A. Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Coowescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Was do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My wife and two children.  
Q What is your wife's name? A. Rose.  
Q How old is she? A. About 10.  
Q What is her father's name? A. Wm. Vann.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A. Hannah Vann.  
Q Is she living? A. No sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A. Ellen.  
Q How old is she? A. 10.  
Q Next child? A. Carrie.  
Q How old? A. 11.  
Q Were you ever married before you married Rose Vann? A. No sir.  
Q Was she ever married before she married you? A. No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified there on as follows:  
Page 87, No. 715, Will Chouteau, Coowescoowee district.  
Page 125, No. 8159, Rosie Vann, Coowescoowee district.

The 1890 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 580, No. 94, William Chouteau, Coowescoowee district.  
Page 580, No. 95, Rose Chouteau, Coowescoowee district.  
Page 580, No. 96, Ellen Chouteau, Coowescoowee district.  
Page 580, No. 97, Carrie Chouteau, Coowescoowee district.

- Q Are these children all alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have they always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you and your wife also lived here all your lives? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did your wife's father and mother die before the roll of 1880 was made? A. I don't know.

By Sam'l Needles,-

The name of William Chouteau is found on the authenticated roll of 1880s as well as the census roll of 1890; he avers that he is married to one Rose Vann and her name is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Rosie Vann and on the census roll of 1890 as Rose Chouteau. He avers that he has two children, Ellen and Carrie Chouteau, and their names are found on the census roll of 1890. They are all duly identified according to the page and number of the rolls as indicated in the testimony and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently they will all be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the above named Commission, he reported in full the above entitled cases, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

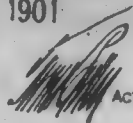
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 26 1901

Post Office

District

1. Name

William Choteau

Age 30+

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Rose Choteau

Age

36+

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

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Parents:

Father

Louis Vann - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Hannah " - dead

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Ellen Choteau

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Application made by

Ms. 1

Stenographer

Chas von Meise

1 On 1896 roll as Will Choteau

1 " 1896 Page 399 - 94 - Lovell Choteau

2 " 1896 as Rosie Vann

3 " 1896 P. 399 793 - Rose Choteau - Boo

4 " 1896 " as Ellen Choteau

4 " 1896 " Barrie " "







Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April 28th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jerry B. Butler for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn by Commissioner F. A. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Jerry B. Butler.  
Q How old are you? A. About 42 I guess.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Chontona.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir on all the rolls.  
Q Who else do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just Jerry

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 615, No. 42, J. B. Butler, Saline District.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 397, No. 42, Jerry B. Butler, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation continuously ever since 1880?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Are you living here now? A. Yes sir.

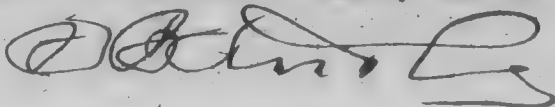
By Com'r Needles,-- The name of Jerry B. Butler is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 as J. B. Butler and on the census roll of 1896 as Jerry B. Butler; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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*Chas. von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27th of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson, I. T.



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**ACTING CHAIRMAN**

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 26 1901Post Office ClintonDistrict 61. Name Jerry B. ButlerAge 43

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1890Page 615No. 68District 6

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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Application made by Wm. H.Stenographer Chas. von Wiese

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Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 27th, 1901.

In the matter of the Application of William Rider for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen: he being sworn by Commissioner T. J. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. William Rider.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Okemum.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other Nation than the Cherokee Nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee Authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A. My wife.  
Q What is her name? A. Edie.  
Q What is her age? A. 41.  
Q Have you no children? A. They is all grown.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 162, No. 2541, Wm. Rider, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 162, No. 2542, Edie Rider, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1890 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the Applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 415, No. 452, William Rider, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 415, No. 452a Edie Rider, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q Have you and your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A. Yes sir.

T. J. Needles, The names of William Rider and his wife Edie Rider are found on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1890; they are all duly identified and made satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weiss, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson, I. T. &

*Chas. von Weiss*  
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## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date APR 26 1901Post Office Charlotte STDistrict Wm1. Name William Rider Age 57

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1896 Page 162 No. 2341 District Bo

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Eddie Rider Age 41

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1896 Page 162 No. 2342 District Bo

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by Mrs. JStenographer Chas. von W. W.

1. Chas. von W. W. Rider  
 1. 1896 " P 415-432 Bo  
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presented me to the gentleman and his two children,  
presented me to his wife Cassie Middleton.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T., April, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Tobe Middleton for the enrollment of himself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen and for the enrollment of his wife as a Cherokee Freedman by later marriage. He being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Tobe Middleton.  
Q How old are you? A. I don't know exactly. I can't read.  
Q Well about how old? A. About 32 I guess.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Shontean.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other nation than the Cherokee Nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee rolls? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Two children.  
Q Have you a wife? A. She is an adopted citizen.  
Q Want to apply for her? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is her name? A. Cassie.  
Q How old is she? A. 32.  
Q What are the names of your children? A. Neal.  
Q Were you ever married to your wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q According to the laws of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q How old is this child Neal? A. Five years old.  
Q What is the name of the next child? A. Belana.  
Q How old is this one? A. Three years old.  
Q What is your name, Milton or Middleton? A. Middleton.  
Q Have you any certificate as to your marriage to Cassie? A. No sir I didn't get one.  
Q Who married you? A. The preacher on Goose Neck Bend.  
Q Is he still living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Your wife, you say is a non citizen? A. Yes sir.  
Q Has she is not on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A. No sir.  
Q Did you get a license to marry her? A. No sir.  
Q Are these children all alive at this time? A. Yes sir.  
Q Was your name ever on the roll as Miller? A. Not as I know of. I have been enrolling all the time as Middleton; they might have got it changed though.  
Q Who did you belong to before the war? A. Joe Vann.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 145, No. 2043, Tobe Miller, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q Did you draw strip money? A. No sir.  
Q Why? A. I don't know the reason that I didn't draw it.  
Q Let that amount of money go by and didn't try to draw it? A. It was not my fault.

By the Cherokee Representative L. B. Bell:

- Q Did you go before the Kerne-Clifton court? A. Yes sir and got on, but when I tried to draw my money it had been struck off.

By the Commission:

- Q Did any one want to charge you for getting your money at that time?  
A Yes sir Mr. Turner said that if I would pay him he would get me on.  
Q How much did he ask you for getting you on? A. \$10.00.  
Q What did you say your wife's maiden name was? A. Crouder.

John Middleton

The 1888 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant named and therein.

By Sam W. Needles:

The name of John Middleton is found on the authenticated roll of 1888, as John Miller and is duly identified as the applicant; he is not identified on the roll of 1888; he avers that he was married to one Susan Frazier, a non citizen, but produces no certificate of other proof as to his marriage. He avers that he said marriage he has two children, Neal and Belona five and three years of age respectively, and their names are not found on the census roll of 1888. He also applied for the enrollment of his wife as an inter-married Freedman, averring that he married her according to law. They are all duly identified and have satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said John Middleton and his two children, Neal and Belona will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of his two children it will be necessary for him to file with this Commission proof of his marriage to their mother and proof of their birth. The name of Susan Middleton, wife of the applicant herein, will be placed on a doubtful card for further consideration by the Commission on the rights of inter-married Freedmen. It will also be necessary in her case for the applicant to file proof of his marriage, to her.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas. von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27th of April, 1901 at Fort Sargent, T. T.

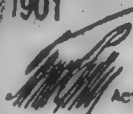
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date Apr 26 1901

Post Office Chautauque, S.D.

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Age 38

Owner's name J. H. Miller

Citizenship

Year 1880

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Application made by M. M. Miller

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Neal Middleton

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE Nation.

Approved, May 7 1901  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Neal Middleton, born on the 10 day of February, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Lobe Middleton, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Cassie Middleton, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Post-office, Chautau, S.D.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Indian Territory,  
Antwerp District.

I, Cassie Middleton, on oath state that I am 37  
years of age and a citizen, by W.S. of the United States Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lobe Middleton, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 10 day of Feb, 1896, that said child has been  
named Neal Middleton, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Belle Bledsoe Cassie Middleton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1901.

J. B. Bledsoe  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Indian Territory,  
Antwerp District.

I, Jennie Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Cassie Middleton, wife of Lobe Middleton,  
on the 10 day of Feb, 1896, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Neal Middleton.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Cassie Middleton Jennie Vann  
Matilda J. Vann mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1901.

J. B. Bledsoe  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Srlana Middleton*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved

*May 4* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Delana Middleton, born on the 8 day of February, 1898  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Lobe Middleton, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Cassie Middleton, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Post-office, Okotau, I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Arthem District.

I, Cassie Middleton, on oath state that I am 37  
years of age and a citizen, by U.S., of the United States Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lobe Middleton, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1898; that said child has been  
named Delana Middleton, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Belle Bledsoe Cassie Middleton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

J. P. Bledsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Arthem District.

I, Jennie Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Cassie Middleton, wife of Lobe Middleton,  
on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1898 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Delana Middleton.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Jennie Vann  
Cassie Middleton mark  
W. H. Thomas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

J. P. Bledsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.



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SECRETARY PUBLIC.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of October, 1903.

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thereof.

same is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic notes  
correctly reported the above and foregoing testimony, and that the  
as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, I  
I, George E. Smith, being first duly sworn, state that

A Yes, sir, it was in the spring when she left.

Q Or summer-----I mean the time she left just before Delane was born?  
A Yes, sir, that's right. A Yes, sir.

Q Until she came back in corn picking time, the fall before Delane was  
Q She did not live with you in the spring when you and she parted?

A I am talking about the time, the summer, before Delane was born,  
with on the last time she went away-----

Q And before Delane was born that she had lived with another man when  
Q Did Cassie tell you after she came back for time when she left  
white a while and I am just honest to you, I can't tell.

Q Can you fix the time any more definitely? A Well, it has been

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I. T., September 23, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Toby Middleton for the enrollment of himself and his minor children, Neal and Delana Middleton, as citizens, (Cherokee Freedmen).

TOBY MIDDLETON, personally appearing, and being first duly sworn and examined, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Toby Middleton.  
Q How old are you? A About thirty-seven.  
Q Do you think you would be about forty now? A That is something I can't tell.  
Q Do you think you would be about forty now? A Some where about thirty-eight, thirty-nine or forty.  
Q What is your post office address? A Choteau.  
Q You claim to be a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you got a son named Neal and a daughter named Delana?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Is the mother of these children named Cassie Middleton? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she living or dead? A She is living.  
Q Have you and her separated? A We have been separated about three years.  
Q Have you got these children or has she got them? A They are up to my mothers.  
Q Have you been divorced from Cassie? A Well, I couldn't know. I went to the Court and our marriage was never on the docket and the Judge did not offer me no divorce and they gave me a license so I married this girl.  
Q Were you living with Cassie as man and wife when these two children, Neal and Delana, were born? A Yes, sir.  
Q Had she ever lived with anybody else before you married her?  
A Yes, sir, she lived with a Cherokee fellow called Doc Tyner, so they told me.  
Q How long after you and she commenced to live together was this child Neal born? A Oh, a good while.  
Q A year? A Two or three years, I believe.  
Q And did you live together continuously then until after Delana was born? A No, not exactly, part of the time she lived with me, and part of the time she was off.  
Q When she was away, was she living with another man? A Only what she told me. I don't know. She told me she was living with another man when she was gone, when we separated the last time.  
Q Do you know whether or not you or this child, Delana, of this child, Delana? A I can only take her word; she said it was mine.  
Q About this child, Neal: You were living together for several years before he was born, and you were living with her for several years after he was born; is that right? A Yes, sir.  
Q And during that time she did not living with any other man at all? A No, sir.  
Q How long before Delana was born before you and Cassie parted?

A Why she was gone. She went away and stayed all summer and came back along in the fall, but the time when she left she had time all right.

Q Well, was Delana born in the fall after she got back? A Yes, sir, the same fall.

Q When was it she left you? A Why, she left herself. I don't remember how, but that fall when she was gone almost a year, I guess; but it run up as near as I can get in my head to the winter months when it was pretty cool.

Q You always claimed you were the father of Delana? A Yes, sir.

Q You always recognized Delana as your child? A Yes, sir.

A You were never lawfully married to Cassie then? A No, I don't think I was, because she, after we were married, the preacher who married us, told me to go a head and get the license and marry her, but that bothered me, so I didn't do it after that, but I did after a while.

Q You were married to her by a preacher, were you? A Yes, sir.

Q What was his name? A Old man Coos Fado.

Q He goes by the name of Doc Hayes and Jack Baldridge, does he?

A Yes, sir.

Q Have you lived all of your life in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q Are you living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.

Q Have these children lived with you all of their lives or with their mother? A They have been with my mother since we parted.

Q This Coos Hayes, is he a preacher? A Yes, sir.

Q After he married you, what was it he told you about getting married again? A Why, the preacher came and told me, under this Arkansas law, you have to get a license, and he said if you don't you can't live with that woman.

Q Did he tell you that the marriage formality that he performed was not a good one and that you would have to be married again?

A Yes, sir, he sure did.

Q And after that you never considered that you and Cassie were lawfully married? A Yes, sir.

Q Cassie makes an affidavit as to the birth of this child, Delana, and she swears that she was born on February 8, 1898, is that right?

A It was in February.

Q When were you and Cassie parted, in what month, do you remember?

A No, sir, I don't.

Q What time of the year was it? A In the spring, along the first of spring.

Q Do you remember whether it was corn planting time or not?

A No, sir.

Q Then how long did she stay away from you? A I have not seen her since.

Q I mean, when she left you before this child Delana was born, what time of the year was that? A Oh, it was along in the spring, I think.

Q Then how long did she stay away at that time? A Stayed away until we were gathering corn.

Q What time of the year do you gather corn? A In the fall.

Q About what month? A About October, I guess.

Q She came back to you in October? A Yes, sir.

Q What were you doing when she left? A I don't know what I was doing in particular.

Q Do you remember what season it was? A (No response).

Q Was it spring or summer? It was either in the spring or summer, now what was it? A (No response).

Q Was it in the early spring or late spring? A It was early in the spring, if I am not mistaken.

Q Can you tell the time and the season of the year when you were  
 with a wife and I am not sure I can tell you the time of the year  
 when Cassie told you about the time she was with the man who  
 you before Delina was born that she was with the man who  
 she was gone? A Only about I think she said she was with him  
 with me the last time she was away from me  
 Q I am talking about the time she was with the man who was with  
 A She said she was going with Will Barker  
 Q She did not live with you in the house when you and she were  
 until she came back in from picking the man fall before Delina was  
 born, is that right? A Yes, sir  
 Q Are you positive about the time she left, whether it was in the  
 or summer? A I know the time she left just before Delina was born  
 A Yes, sir, it was in the spring when she left.

I, George H. Smith, being first duly sworn, state that  
 as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, I  
 correctly reported the above and foregoing testimony, and that the  
 same is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic notes  
 thereof.

*George H. Smith*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of October, 1905.

*J. R. ...*  
 Notary Public



CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE

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nos 2 and 3 Birth Certificates required  
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 Proof of marriage of no 1 to be supplied

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE  
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Waskage, Indian Territory, April 26, 1905.

Wesley Middleton,

Oatoosa, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of April 23, there is enclosed  
you herewith a ticket of admission to the Cherokee Land Office.

Separate tickets are not required for your wife and minor children.

In this connection, however, you are advised that before  
your application for the enrollment of yourself and family as Chero-  
kee Freedmen will be complete, you should introduce before the Com-  
mission further evidence as to your residence.

This testimony can be introduced before the Cherokee Land  
Office and should be presented at the earliest possible day.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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 the same of the first wife from him, he married the same  
 the same name as on the census roll of 1880. He says that the  
 the same was the same, the same officer, Kite, Nelson and Emma  
 the same, the same roll of 1880, the same being deceased; and the  
 was married to the same wife from him and the same was on  
 the roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1880; he says that he  
 the name of Emma Hattie is found on the unqualified-

page 100, No. 1, Hattie, and Hattie, registered as follows:  
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 the name of the same, a list of the qualified persons as  
 the 1880 unqualified roll of the Quaker Hattie examined and

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Robert as is the applicant, and as is the grand son.  
Robert as is his wife Mary.

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In the matter of the application of Thomas Martin for the enrollment  
of himself, three children and a grand son as Cherokee Freedmen, and  
for the enrollment of his wife Mary as an intermarried Cherokee Freed-  
man, he being sworn by Commissioner E. W. Hedden, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Thomas Martin.  
Q How old are you? A. About 37.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Cherokee.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Cherokee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Freedman of any other tribe  
or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other tribe except the Cherokee  
Nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a  
Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. For some child-  
ren.  
Q Got a wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll her? A. She is a United States Citizen.  
Q What is her name? A. Mary.  
Q What is her maiden name? A. McLeod.  
Q How old is she? A. 35 or '36.  
Q What are the names of your children? A. Kinzie.  
Q How old? A. 10.  
Q Next? A. Nelson.  
Q How old? A. 10.  
Q Next? A. Kinney.  
Q How old? A. 10.  
Q Do they have a boy or a girl? A. Boy.  
Q The next one? A. Well I have a grand son.  
Q What is his name? A. Lee Ross.  
Q How old is he? A. 14.  
Q What is Lee Ross's mother's name? A. Marcus Martin.  
Q Is she living? A. I don't know she has been gone 3 or 4 years.  
Q Is she your daughter? A. Yes sir.  
Q What was her father's name? A. Bill Ross.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir he is dead.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined  
and the name of the applicant and also the name of the mother  
of the applicant's grand son, identified thereon as follows:  
Page 703, No. 1083 Thomas Martin, Tahlequah district.  
Page 703, No. 1083, Nancy Martin, Tahlequah district.

The 1880 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name  
of the applicants identified hereon as follows:  
Page 1310, No. 100, Thomas Martin, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1310, No. 100, Kinzie Martin, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1311, No. 101, Nelson Martin, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1311, No. 102, Kinney Martin, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1320, No. 400, Lee Ross, Tahlequah district.

- Q Are these children all alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do they all live with you? A. Yes sir.  
Q Was you married to Mary McLeod? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you any proof of your marriage? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation continuously since 1860? A. Yes  
sir.  
Q How long since? A. Well this is the second one I have had. I mar-  
ried this one six years ago, she came from Texas.  
Q Was she the mother of Kinzie? A. Lucy.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q How old she died? A. 12 years ago.



Thos. Harlin, Jr.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's first wife identified thereon as follows:

Page 788, No. 1087, Lucy Ann Harlin, Tahlequah District.

By Com'r Needles:

The name of Thomas Harlin is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1890; he avers that he was married to his first wife Lucy Ann and her name appears on the authenticated roll of 1880, she now being deceased; and that by said marriage he had three children, Kissie, Nelson and Kinney whose names are on the census roll of 1890. He avers that since the death of his first wife Lucy Ann, he married one Mary McLeod his present wife, and he files a certificate of his marriage to her and applies for her enrollment as an intermarried Cherokee Freedman; he avers that she is a non citizen. Her name does not appear on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation. He also applies for the enrollment of a grand son, Lee Ross, averring that said Lee Ross is the son of Darius Harlin, and the name of said Darius Harlin is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 according to the page and number as indicated in the testimony, and the name of the child, Lee Ross, is found on the census roll of 1890. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said Thomas Harlin, his three children, Kissie, Nelson and Kinney Harlin and his grand son Lee Ross, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. The name of his wife Mary Harlin, nee McLeod, will be placed on a doubtful card for the further consideration of the Commission as to the rights of inter-married Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*J. D. [Signature]*

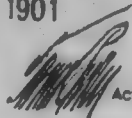
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date APR 26 1901

Post Office *Cherokee, D.C.*

District *Chas.*

1. Name *Thomas Harlin*

Age *57*

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year *1890* Page *768* No. *1020*

District *Chas.*

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year Page No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

*Minnie Harlin*

Year *1896* Page *1310* No. *190* Dist. *Chas.*

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*Mary*

Year *"* Page *1311* No. *191* Dist. *"*

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*Mary*

Year *"* Page *1311* No. *192* Dist. *"*

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*Lee Rose*

Year *1896* Page *1312* No. *429* Dist. *"*

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Application made by *Mr. ...*

Stenographer *Chas. von ...*

*1 Chas 1896 roll, Page, 1310 No. 191 - Chas.*

*2 " 1896 " do Minnie Harlin*

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T., November 2, 1903.

In the matter of the application of THOMAS HARTIN for  
the enrollment of himself, his children, KISZIE, NELSON and KIMMY  
HARTIN, and his grandson, LEE ROSS, as Cherokee freedmen.

NELSON LOWREY, being duly sworn and examined by the  
Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Nelson Lowrey.  
Q What is your age? A 42 going on 43.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman and on the 1880 roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Thomas Hartin? A Yes sir.  
Q What is his postoffice address? A Choteau.  
Q He about 59 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q He got a grandson living with him, named Lee Ross?  
A Yes, he's got one he raised living with him, but he's not with  
him right now; he's at Wagoner; he was going out to this colored  
high school; I was superintendent; he ran away; we think he's  
at Wagoner now.  
Q Has that boy lived all his life in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir.  
Q How long ago was it that he ran away? A It's been about  
6 months.  
Q Up to that time he had never been out of the nation? A No sir.  
Q And you think he is over at Wagoner now? A Yes, over there  
at work.

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Mabel F. Maxwell, being duly sworn, states that, as  
stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she  
correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case, and  
the the above and foregoing is a true and complete transcript of  
her stenographic notes thereof.

Mabel F. Maxwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 13th day of November, 1903.

Samuel Foreman

Notary Public.







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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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In the matter of the application of Pompey Thompson for the enrollment of himself and wife, as follows: said Thompson being known and examined by Commissioner I. A. Douglas, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Pompey Thompson.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Thompson? A I don't know exactly, to the best of my knowledge I am about 40 or 45 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Briggs.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1860? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife.  
Q What is her name? A Eliza Thompson.  
Q How old is she? A I don't know exactly, she said she was ten years old at the breaking out of the rebellion.  
Q What is her post office? A Briggs.  
Q Have you got any children you want to enroll? A No, sir; they are all grown.  
Q Were you a slave? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your owner's name? A Alex Thompson.  
Q Was your wife a slave? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her owner's name? A Stepp.  
Q Have you continued to live in the Cherokee Nation since 1860? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your wife also? A Yes, sir.

The 1860 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of Applicant found thereon, page 591, #1934, Pompey Thompson, Illinois District.

- Q Did you ever have any wife except Eliza? A Yes, Sarah, who belonged to Judge Sam Taylor.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, we had been separated so long I had forgot about that.  
Q How long have you been married to Eliza? A About eight years.  
Q What was Eliza's name before you married her? A Her husband was Hall before she married me, that is the way you will find her name on the roll there, Louisa.  
Q What is her name? A Louisa.

The 1860 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant's wife found thereon, page 589, #455, Louisa Hall, Illinois District.

The 1880 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's names found thereon as follows:  
Page 941, #573, Pompey Thompson, Illinois District.  
Page 944, #573, Eliza Thompson, Illinois District.

- Q All you apply for now is yourself and your wife? A Yes, she has got something to do for one of her children that's in the prison at Leavenworth.

COM'S EXAMINATION:—The name of Pompey Thompson is found upon the authenticated roll of 1860 as well as the census roll of 1880. The name of his wife, Eliza, appears upon the authenticated roll of 1860 as Eliza Hall, that having been her husband's name, and upon the census roll of 1880, as Eliza Thompson. They are fully identified and make satis-



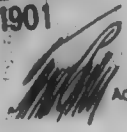
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date APR 2 1901

Post Office *Benson*

District *Illinois*

1. Name *Pompey Thompson* Age *62*

Owner's name *Alex Thompson* Citizenship

Year *1880* Page *591* No. *1938* District *Ill*

Parents:

Father Citizenship

Mother Citizenship

2. Name of wife *Romain Thompson* Age *50*

Owner's name *Stop* Citizenship *John*

Year *1880* Page *539* No. *856* District *Ill*

Parents:

Father Citizenship

Mother Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by *No 11*

Stenographer *Roman J. O.*

(1) into Roll "Pompey Thompson"

(1) in 96 Roll 964 #577 *Ill*

(2) in 80 Roll *John Hall*

(2) in 96 Roll 964 #578 *Ill*







Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 27th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Benjamin Navlin for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Hodges, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Benjamin Navlin.  
Q How old are you? A. 34.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Sequoyia.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn and money from any other tribe except the Cherokee Nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman by the Cherokee authorities? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified therein as follows:  
Page 789, No. 1887, Ben Navlin, Tahlequah district.

The 1886 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified therein as follows:  
Page 1838 No. 31, Ben Navlin, Salina district.

- Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation have you? A. Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised here? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A. Yes sir.

By Sam T. Hodges, — The name of Benjamin Navlin is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1886; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Valze, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Valze*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson I. T.

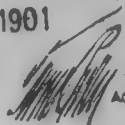
*T. B. Hodges*

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN



MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

CHEMUNEE FREEDMEN

Date APR 26 1901

Post Office Chautauque

District 600

1. Name Benjamin Harkin Age 24

Owner's name Benjamin Harkin Citizenship Free

Year 1890 Page 769 No. 1027 District 7th

Parents:

Father Benjamin Harkin Citizenship Free

Mother Benjamin Harkin Citizenship Free

2. Name of wife Benjamin Harkin Age 24

Owner's name Benjamin Harkin Citizenship Free

Year 1890 Page 769 No. 1027 District 7th

Parents:

Father Benjamin Harkin Citizenship Free

Mother Benjamin Harkin Citizenship Free

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

1 On 1890 roll, Ben Harkin  
1 On 1896 roll, Page 1039 No. 21 Ben Harkin  
John







Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
St. Gibson, I. T., April 26, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Howard Harlin for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Howard Harlin.  
Q What is your age? A 22.  
Q What is your post-office? A Ghouseau, Cooweescoowee District? A Yes sir.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe? A No sir.  
Q You ever draw money from any other tribe? A No sir.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 769 #1028 Howard Harlin, Tahlequah Dist, adopted colored.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 1310 #189 Howard Harlin, Tahlequah District.

- Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Nobody.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: The name of Howard Harlin is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and he will be duly listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 26, 1901.

*Commissioner*

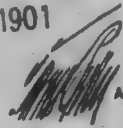
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MEMORANDUM OF THE CHIEF

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date Apr 26 1901

Post Office Cherokee

District C

1. Name Howard Harkin Age 22

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1890 Page 769 No. 1028 District Tah

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

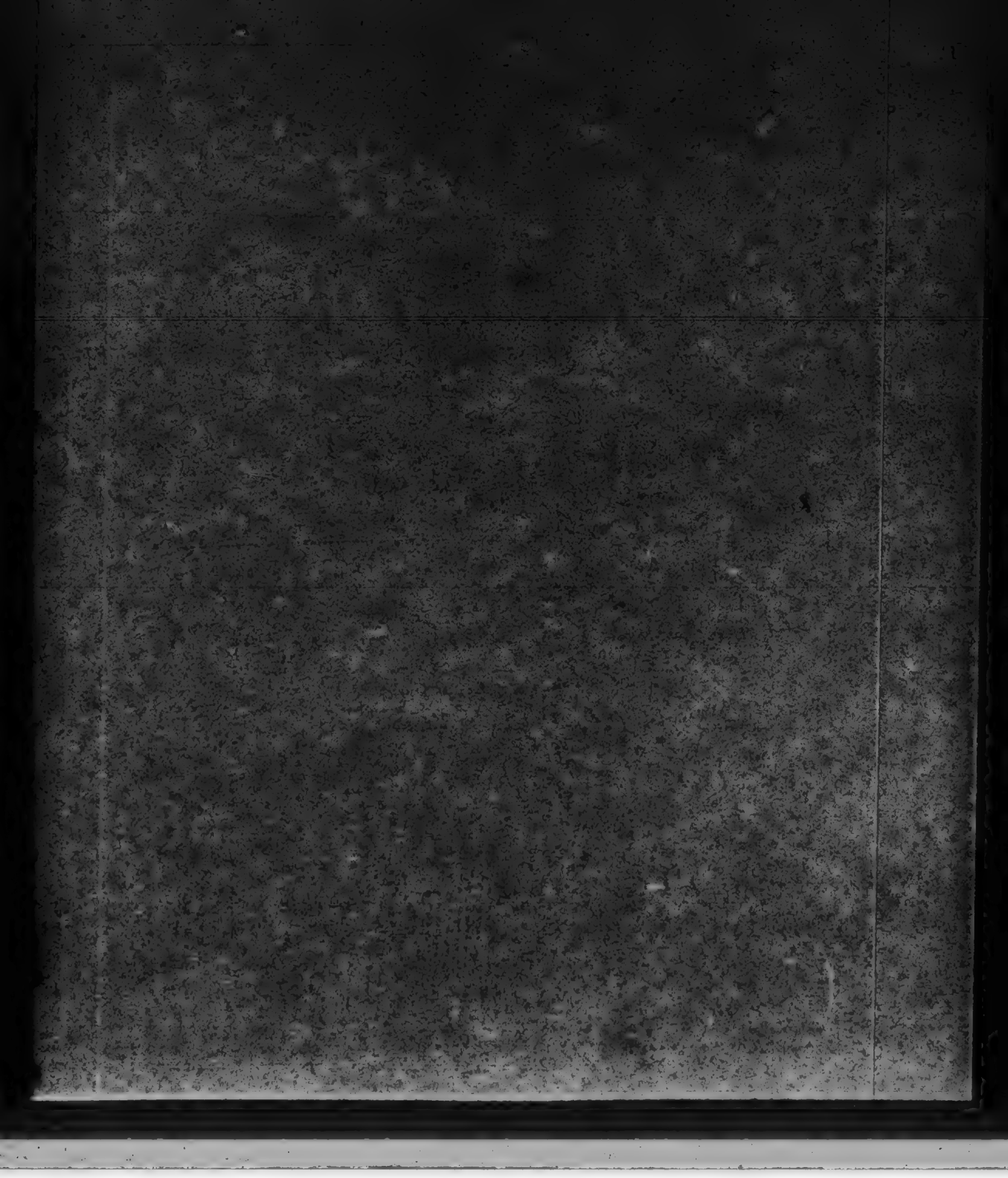
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Application made by Mr. 1

Stenographer Mr. D. Green

1 On 1896 - roll, Page 1310 - 189 - Tah,







Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Washington, D.C., April 1, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Cornelius Harlin for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Cornelius Harlin.  
Q What is your age? A 47.  
Q What is your home address? A Charleston.  
Q What district do you live in? A Congress District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled in any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Ever draw any money from any other nation? A No sir.  
Q You were recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife, Carrie Davis.  
Q How old is she? A 22 years old.  
Q Her name was Carrie Davis before you married her? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her father's name? A Abe Davis.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Fannie Davis.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q No children? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined and applicants identified therein as follows:  
page 766 31018 Neely Harlin, Talsagah District, adopted roll'd  
page 522 3397 Caroline Davis, Illinois District, adopted roll'd

Com'r: I guess her name ought to go down Caroline to start on.

1898 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 953 3500 Neely Harlin Illinois District  
page 947 3194 Caroline Fannie Davis, Illinois District

- Q When did you marry Caroline Davis? A 9th of June, 1897.  
Q Been living with her continuously since that time? A Yes sir.  
Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife also? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: Cornelius Harlin applies for the enrollment of himself and his wife, Caroline; his name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1898, as Cornelius Harlin, and he is duly identified as the applicant; the name of his wife is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1898 as Caroline Davis, Davis having been her maiden name; they are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence; consequently, Cornelius Harlin and his wife, Caroline Harlin, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 26, 1901.

*M.D. Green*  
Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHECOKEE BREEDING



CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date Apr 26 1901

Post Office Clinton

District Bar

1. Name Cornelius Harlin Age 27

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 761 No. 1018 District Tah

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Caroline Harlin Age 22

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 522 No. 537 District Ill

Parents:

Father Abe Davis — Ill Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Fannie — Ill Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Rev. H.

Stenographer

M. D. Green

1. On 1880 rolls as Neely Harlin  
 14 1896 " P 957 - 30 - Neely Harlin Ill  
 24 1880 " as Caroline Davis  
 24 1896 " P 947 - 794 - Caroline Davis, Ill



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Willie Harlan*

as a citizen of

*The Cherokee* Nation

Approved, *January 5* 1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Millie Harlan, born on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1901.  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Reely Harlan, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Caroline, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Choteau D.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Caroline Harlan, on oath state that I am 22  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Reely Harlan, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1901, that said child has been  
 named Millie Harlan, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Caroline Harlan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov., 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Fannie Davis, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Caroline Harlan, wife of Reely Harlan,  
 on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1901, that there was born to her on  
 said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named Millie Harlan.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Fannie Davis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov., 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 20, 1901.

Mr. Neely Harlin,  
Chouteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter bearing no date, in which you state that you desire to have your son, Willie, listed for enrollment under the name of Willie Harlin.

The affidavit as to the birth of this child, in which his name appears as Willie Harlan, is therefore returned to you herewith. You are desired to have the name of this child and the name of yourself and your wife appear throughout the affidavit as Harlin instead of Harlan. When the correction has been made return the affidavit to the Commission at Muskogee, where it will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

Enclosure F.676.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE TRIBES	
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*Harlan, Kelly,*

*Chotian, J. F.*

*Dec 23, '01.*

**EXEROKEE.**

*Returns birth certificate  
of Willie Harlan, and  
name of himself and his*

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*[Signature]*  
J. F. CHOTIAN

Dec 23 1901

Charles Remondino

Los Angeles

is according to this  
Affidavit

I will return it with  
this letter and will you  
be pleased to change  
any name and family  
name put like this  
Affidavit

Neely Harlan  
Caroline Harlan  
Willis Harlan  
Please it go by Harlan

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Since I got loan I  
sign any name Harlan  
at all time







Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
St. Gibson, I. T., April 26, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Burgess for the enrollment of herself, four children and one grand-child as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by George George Headlee, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sarah Burgess.  
Q How old are you? A I can't tell you. There is my paper. I have got all the ages on that.  
Q What is your birth date? A Born in 1874.  
Q What is your post-office? A Chouteau.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Ever draw any money of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My children on the roll.  
Q Is it Charlie or Charles? A Charlie.  
Q Sarah Burgess, born in 1893, make him 19; Lola, 16; Annie, that right? Annie? A Yes sir.  
Q 13, that right? A Yes sir.  
Q Gilbert? A 10, going on 11.  
Q Who is this other, Mamie? A Yes sir.  
Q She is about eight years old is she? A Yes sir I reckon, it's down there.  
Q Born in 1893, that's right; now you apply for a grand-child, what is its name? A Minnie Ross.  
Q How old is Minnie Ross? A I can't tell you, I guess about 6.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Jennie.  
Q Jennie Burgess was it? A Jennie Anderson.  
Q She living? A No sir, she is dead.  
Q Minnie's father's name? A George Ross I think; I never saw him.  
Q Is he living? A I think he is; I don't know sir.  
Q Was Jennie Anderson your child? A Yes sir.  
Q How did her name happen to be Anderson? A Well I was first married to Anderson.  
Q Your first husband was named Anderson? A Yes sir.  
Q Jennie is a child by that your first husband? A Yes sir.  
Q Is this grand-child dead? A No sir, that's my child that's dead.  
Q Is Mamie Burgess dead? A Yes sir.

Cont: Erase Mamie.

- Q That make four living children under 21, is that right, Charlie, Lola, Annie and Gilbert? A Yes sir, that's right.  
Q And then your grand child, Minnie Ross? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified the same as follows:  
page 72 #225 Sarah Burgess Cooweescoowee Dist, adopted colored.

- Q Are you married? A No sir, my husband is dead.  
Q What was your husband's name? A Bill Burgess.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and Jennie Anderson identified as follows:  
page 72 #225 Anderson Jane Burgess, Cooweescoowee Dist, adopted colored.

Sarah Burgess et al 2

Q She wasn't married to George Ross? A I can't tell you that when she got gone she went off.

Q You don't know anything about George Ross? A No sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 397 #51 Sarah Burgess, Cooweescoowee District;  
page 397 #55 Charley Burgess, Cooweescoowee District;  
page 397 #55 Lola Burgess, Cooweescoowee District;  
page 397 #56 Rebecca Burgess, Cooweescoowee District.

Q Her name though is Annie is it? A Yes sir, Annie.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and Gilbert Burgess identified thereon as follows:  
page 397 #57 Gilbert Burgess, Cooweescoowee District.

Q Did Jennie have a child named Thomas? A I think she did, I never saw it.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's grand-child identified as follows:  
page 418 #531 Minnie Ross, Cooweescoowee District.

Q Are these children now all living at this time? A All living, but that one what I told you.

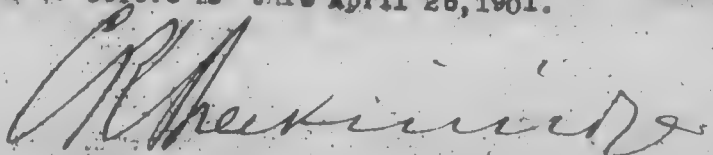
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: That one of Sarah Burgess is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; she applies for the enrollment of her four children, Charlie, Lola, Annie and Gilbert, and their names are identified upon the census roll of 1896; she also applies for the enrollment of a grand-child, Minnie Ross, and her name is found upon the census roll of 1896 and she is identified upon said roll as the child of James Jennie Anderson, whose name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Anderson Jane Burgess, she being now deceased; they make satisfactory proof as to residence, and are duly identified, consequently Sarah Burgess and her children and grand child as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 26, 1901.



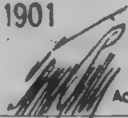
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHUBBOKEL BREEDMEN.



MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 26 1901  
Post Office Cherokee St.  
District Co.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Sarah Burgess Age 44  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year 1890 Page 72 No. 328 District Co.

Parents:  
Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

3	1	<u>Chapley Burgess</u>	Year <u>1896</u>	Page <u>397</u>	No. <u>54</u>	Dist. <u>Co.</u>	<u>19</u>
4	1	<u>Lola</u>	Year "	Page <u>397</u>	No. <u>55</u>	Dist. "	<u>16</u>
5	1	<u>Anna</u>	Year "	Page <u>397</u>	No. <u>56</u>	Dist. "	<u>13</u>
6	1	<u>Wilbert</u>	Year "	Page <u>397</u>	No. <u>57</u>	Dist. "	<u>14</u>
7	1	<u>Minnie Ross</u>	Year "	Page <u>418</u>	No. <u>531</u>	Dist. "	<u>6</u>
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Application made by Sarah Burgess Stenographer M. D. Green

1 On 1896 vol P. 397 No. 51 - Co  
4 " 1896 " " 20 Roseanna Burgess



Q. So that this Anderson Jane B. was who appears on the roll of 1880 is her mother? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Was she a resident of the Nation at the time of her death?  
A. Yes sir.

H. C. Bagwell, an oath stated that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this March 4, 1903.

Samuel Foreman

Notary Public.

Char. Freed.  
App'l to # 677

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., February 11, 1903.

In the matter of SARAH ROLAND, for the enrolment of herself, and her children, CHARLEY, LOLA, ANNIE and GILBERT BURGESS, and her grand-daughter, MINNIE ROSS, as Cherokee Freedmen:

GEORGE F. HAVE, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

- Q What is your name ? A My name is George F. Have.  
Q How old are you ? A Let me see, I was born--I am about thirty seven years old now.  
Q What is your post office ? A Muskogee now, yes sir. It was Tahlequah when I enrolled, it is Muskogee now.  
Q Do you know Minnie Ross ? A Yes sir.  
Q What relation is she to you, if any ? A She is my niece's daughter.  
Q What is the name of her mother ? A Her mother is named Jennie Burgess.  
Q Is she dead ? A She is dead.  
Q Is the father of Minnie Ross dead ? A I don't know; I never knew him.  
Q Was Jennie Burgess a Cherokee freedman ? A Yes sir.  
Q Who enrolled Minnie Ross ? A Sarah Burgess, now Sarah Roland.  
Q Is she your sister ? A She's my sister, yes sir.  
Q Have you been duly appointed guardian for Minnie Ross ? A Yes sir.  
Q By the court ? A By the court, yes sir.  
Q She's in your custody ? A Yes sir.  
Q Was Jennie Burgess a resident of the Cherokee Nation ? A She was, yes sir.  
Q She had lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life ? A Yes sir, all her life.  
Q Has Minnie Ross been living with you or with your sister ? A She has been living with my sister.  
Q Since her mother died ? A Yes sir.  
Q She is taking care of her for you ? A Yes sir, at my expense.  
Q Minnie Ross has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life ? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you a resident of the Cherokee Nation ? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived here ? A I have been in the Cherokee Nation all my life.  
Q You are a Cherokee Freedman ? A I am a Cherokee freedman, yes sir.  
Q When did you say Jennie Burgess died ? A Well, I don't know just exactly, she's been dead four or five years, I would judge about four years, possibly a little longer.

--The mother of Minnie Ross is found to be identified on the roll of 1880, at page 72, # 329, Cooweescoowee District, as Anderson Jane Burgess.

- Q Was that her name ? A Her name was really Jennie Burgess Anderson, but her step-father was named Burgess, and her mother being named Burgess, we got both Anderson and Burgess there.



Q. So that this Anderson Jane Thomas who appears on the roll of 1860 is her mother?

Q. Was she a resident of the Nation at the time of her death?

A. Yes sir.

A. C. Dagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he faithfully recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this March 4, 1905.

Samuel Foreman

Notary Public.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
CONFIDENTIAL  
Sallisaw, I. T., November 10, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Sarah Roland, nee Burgess, Charlie Lolo, Annie and Burgess, and grand-daughters, Minnie Nease, as Cherokee.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Frederick Robinson, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Frederick Robinson.  
Q How old are you? A 32.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Sallisaw.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes.  
Q Are you married? A Yes.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Lola Burgess was her name before I married her.  
Q Is she a Cherokee freedman? A Yes.  
Q When were you married? A About the 9th of October, 1904.  
Q Are you positive of the day? A No, it was about that time.  
Q Are you and she living together now? A Yes.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

*May Hudson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of November, 1904.

*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY. } SS.  
Northern District.

I, Charles A. Davidson, Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the 22 day of August, 1902, at        M., and duly recorded in Book J, A, Marriage Record, Page 52.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Vinita ~~Muskogee~~ in said Territory, this 23 day of August, A. D. 1902.

Chas. A. Davidson Clerk.

By        Deputy.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, I. T.,        I

I, the undersigned, a Stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original offered in evidence in the matter of application for enrollment of        as        citizen        of the Cherokee Nation.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T.       

I, the undersigned, Chief Clerk of the Cherokee Enrollment Division of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and custodian of the records of said Division, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the office of the said Division.

NOV 7 1902

        
Chief Clerk Cherokee Division.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of November, 1902.

        
Notary Public.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE.

United States of America, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, } ss.  
 Northern District.

No. 620

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to Solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between Mr. William Roland, of Chouteau, in the Indian Territory, aged 36 years, and Mrs. Sarah Burgess, of Chouteau, in the Indian Territory, aged 40 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Vinita, Indian Territory, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, A. D. 1902.

(SEAL)

Chas. A. Davidson  
 Clerk of the U. S. Court.

By P. M. Ford Deputy.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, } ss.  
 Northern District.

I, Joseph Ross, a Minister of the Gospel, Do HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 18 day of August, A. D. 1902, I did duly and according to law as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand this 18 day of August, A. D. 1902

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Northern District, Book A, Page 83

Joseph Ross  
 A Minister of the Gospel.



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Pathogen, Indian Territory, November 7, 1903,

Sarah Roland,

Cherokee, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of November 3, enclosing marriage license and certificate, showing your marriage on August 18, 1903, to William Roland.

The same is herewith returned to you, a copy having been made and filed with your application for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Nov. 11-1903





Specified and sworn to before me : is Whitt Se'ior.

True and complete transcript of his stenographic notes of the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a translation to the said translated names he collected recorded the M.D. Green being first duly sworn, states first as stenographer to the

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will be stated for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

Betsy McGowan and her two children, Nancy and Bessie, being and under settlement, died as to residence, some twenty years a married woman to that effect; she is now, I think, just she is now married to one Lewis McGowan, and the testimony as to the change of her name; exhibiting cards and Bessie Gilpin; settlement, enrollment has been made in and their names are found upon the census roll of 1880 as Nancy the daughter of her two children, Nancy and Bessie, must, upon the census roll of 1880 as Bessie Gilpin; she exhibits for one James George Bessie or George Gilpin, and her name is found in the census roll; she states that she is a married woman; the enrollment roll of 1880 as Bessie Gilpin; that her name is Bessie; the name of Bessie McGowan is found upon

you state that in the Cherokee nation, V. Yes sir.

Wendy and Bessie, V. Yes sir.

These children of Bessie, V. Yes sir.

Some of Bessie Bessie, V. I don't know.

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of Bessie, V. Yes sir.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
St. Cismen, I. T., April 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Betsy McConnell for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Headen, and testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Betsy McConnell.  
Q How old are you? A I am 43 years old.  
Q Here it is on this paper. (Hands Commissioner's paper.)  
Com'r: It is so.  
Q What is your post-office? A Chouteau.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever know any one to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Ever draw any money in any other tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A 3 children.  
Q What are their names? A Maude Blunt.  
Q She is 15 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q Next one named Bell Blunt? A Yes sir.  
Q She is 12 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Lewis McConnell.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you living with him? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No sir.  
Q You apply to have him enrolled? A All right.  
Com'r: He had better come around him self.  
Applicant: He aint here; he can go to Vinita; just enroll me and my little child.  
Q What was your name before you married McConnell? A Blunt.  
Q You married a man named Blunt? A Yes sir, George Blunt.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What was your name before you married Blunt? A Betsy Buffington.  
Q Was that your maiden name? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 620 #186 Betsy Buffington, Saline District, adopted col'd

- Q How long have you been married to McConnell? A Little over a year; my first husband Blunt went by the name of Griffin; when I drew my money they put it down Blunt, and he enrolled Griffin. He had two names.

1894 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 406 #232 Betsy Griffin, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q You say George Blunt is not living? A No sir, he is dead.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's children identified thereon as follows:  
page 406 #233 Maude Griffin, Cooweescoowee District.  
page 406 #234 Belle Griffin, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q You contend that the Betsy Griffin and Maude and Bell Griffin that are on the 1896 roll are intended for Blunt? A Yes sir.  
Q How does it happen that their names are enrolled Griffin? A They put it that way on the rolls themselves; when we drew our money that's the way they put it, and when he went to draw it was Griffin; that's the way it was enrolled.  
Q Did he go by the name of Griffin? A Yes sir.

Betsy McConnell et al.

Q. And Blunt did not? A. Yes sir.

Q. You thought that was the prettiest name and you took the name of Blunt? A. I didn't know that; they gave it themselves; the big dog's name didn't do it at all because I can't write; the big men don't do it.

Q. Some of Hooty Bell's work? A. I don't know.

Q. These children all living? A. Yes sir.

Q. Maude and Bell? A. Yes sir.

Q. You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: The name of Betsy McConnell is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Betsy Buffington, that having been her maiden name; she avers that she has married one John George Blunt or George Griffin, and her name is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Betsy Griffin; she applies for the enrollment of her two children, Maude and Bell Blunt, and their names are found upon the census roll of 1896 as Maude and Bell Griffin; satisfactory explanation has been made in the testimony as to the change of name; applicant avers that she is now married to one Lewis McConnell, and presents a marriage license to that effect; she is duly identified and named satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Betsy McConnell and her two children, Maude and Bell Blunt, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 26, 1901.

Commissioner.



MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 26 1906Post Office Cherokee D.C.District Bo1. Name BoOwner's name Bo Citizenship BoYear Bo Page Bo No. Bo District Bo

Parents:

Father Bo Citizenship BoMother Bo Citizenship Bo2. Name of wife Betsy Mc Connell Age 47Owner's name Bo Citizenship BoYear 1880 Page 620 No. 174 District Saline

Parents:

Father Bo Citizenship BoMother Bo Citizenship Bo

Names of Children:

2. Manda Bunch Year 1896 Page 406 No. 233 Dist. Bo 163. Belle " Year 4 Page 406 No. 234 Dist. " 145. Year Bo Page Bo No. Bo Dist. Bo6. Year Bo Page Bo No. Bo Dist. Bo7. Year Bo Page Bo No. Bo Dist. Bo8. Year Bo Page Bo No. Bo Dist. Bo9. Year Bo Page Bo No. Bo Dist. Bo10. Year Bo Page Bo No. Bo Dist. Bo11. Year Bo Page Bo No. Bo Dist. Bo12. Year Bo Page Bo No. Bo Dist. BoApplication made by Betsy Mc Connell Stenographer M. D. Green1. Carl O. Ford as Betsy Buffington1. 1896 " Page 406 \* 232 Betsy Griffin Bo2. 1896 " Pollos Manda Griffin3. 1896 " " Belle "

Cherokee, 598.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 30, 1902.

L. F. Blodgett,

Cherokee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of September 17, in reference to the name under which the mother of Florence E. Rider, is listed for enrollment by this Commission as a Cherokee Freedman.

In reply you are advised that the records of the Commission do not show that such a person as Emma H. Davis, has been listed for enrollment by this Commission as a Cherokee Freedman.

You state in your letter that application was made for the enrollment of the mother of Florence E. Rider, by Betsey Blunt. The application made by Betsey Blunt has been identified, and it appears that she herself is listed under the name of Betsey McCunnell, and in the application which she made she included two children, Maude and Edith Blunt.

The affidavit as to the birth of Florence E. Rider is again herewith returned to you.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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# Cherokee Nation. Freedmen Roll.

No.	NAME	Relationship to Person first Named.	AGE	SEX	TRIBAL ENROLLMENT			SLAVE OF
					Year.	District.	No.	
1692	M <sup>r</sup> Cornell Betsy		47	F	1880	Saline	174	Nancy Buffington
1693	Blunt Maude	Daughter	16	F	1896	Co	233	
1694	Blunt Fannie	Daughter	14	F	1896		234	
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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
W. Gibson, Y. T., April 27, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jack Ross for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jack Ross.  
Q How old are you? A 33.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What District do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled in any other tribe or nation?  
A No sir.  
Q Ever draw any money from any other tribe? A No sir.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Myself only.  
Q What is your father's name? A Moss Ross.  
Q Moss Ross living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Becky Ross.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified the name as follows:  
page 797: #1808 Jack Ross, Tahlequah District, adopted colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified the name as follows:  
page 1319: #391 Jack Ross, Tahlequah District.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live here now? A Yes sir.  
Q You married? A No sir.  
Q No children? A No sir.

Com'r Needles: The name of Jack Ross is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified and makes a satisfactory proof as to residence, and is willing to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman.

M. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly reported the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M. D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 27, 1901.

*[Signature]*

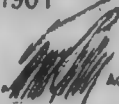
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

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District

1. Name

Owner's name

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Mother

2. Name of wife

Owner's name

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Parents:

Father

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Wadagee, Indian Territory, August 1, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 31, 1905 (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12222-1905), and January 12, 1906 (I.T.D. 116-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 236 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are inclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons. The number of the enrollment card on which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokee by blood.

Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
225	22356	Letha Bright
226	757	Daisy Foreman
226	836	Ellis Harlan
213	956	George Welch
213	940	Lee Welch
230	1011	Polina Maupin
488	1365	Louisa Hersoskin
743	2110	Benjamin H. Holland
798	2179	Harriet J. Gordon
799	2180	Alon Gray.

# Secretary--1.

Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
80	2124	Ellen Gordon
802	2192	Kate Patterson
823	2242	Lura L. French
846	2213	Frank Starr
855	2347	Laura M. Hollins
855	2472	Golda M. Fields
858	1422	Jennie Largent
858	1630	Joseph L. Stewart
859	1645	Johnathan A. Whitmore
873	1685	Ada M. Liberty
873	1702	Martha E. Callahan
835	1821	Maude Hughes
846	1849	Lila Welch
703	1976	Lila Reeves
725	2022	Leroy Starr
1728	4597	Dixie Sangster
1868	4928	Richard F. Crossland
3016	27561	Minnie Grittenden
5287	12673	Edward S. King
5729	13754	Rosa M. Hill
5745	13782	Maria R. Hawkins
5776	13851	Ellen Green
5844	13990	Eliza C. Thompson
6031	14394	Emory M. Duffield
6157	14670	John P. King
6161	14729	Mary Rafft
6206	14802	Charles Spears
6329	15089	John W. Payne
6383	15260	Rena P. Wilkerson
6503	15586	Edward L. Sherley
6504	15590	Thomas Shirley
6619	15843	Walter Kirk
6624	15852	Elizabeth Spears
6755	16169	Mack Clifford Parris
6758	16177	Lucy J. Walker
6771	16223	William H. Stephens, Jr.
6844	16379	Mary Blackhaw
6844	16381	Manus Blackhaw
6852	16427	Robert Bean
6892	16462	Inola Buffington
7032	16797	Daisy Newton
7596	17933	Eliza Jane Easky
7639	18029	Whiteroad Feather
8110	18930	Ailsay Grinnit



Secretary--A.

Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
8421	1998	Ailey Tar-ah-yah-ke
9131	20917	Gelia Lacy
9344	21336	John Hawk
9442	21802	Ross Miller
9442	21802	James H. Miller

Cherokee Freedmen.

Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
17	49	Gla Lacy
79	239	Parry Johnson
234	644	Jack Ross
679	1095	Jack Ross

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), and October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12223-1905), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues, the first issue being March 3, 1906, in "The Cherokee Advocate," a weekly newspaper of general circulation published at Tahlequah, Indian Territory. Attention was called to Section 31, of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 714), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that

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the Commissioner would, at the expiration of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902. Each of the above named persons was shown to have been residing at the time of his death in the Recording District in which said paper is published, and notice of the Commissioner's proposed action was not, therefore, published in any other paper.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1/ 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known postoffice advising the information received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said person as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1902, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the

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approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

Incl. HL-10  
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Commissioner.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

August 23, 1906.

COPY

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, forwarding affidavits as to the deaths of certain persons whose names appear on a partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Bixby refers to Departmental letters of May 31, (I.T.B. 6186-1905), June 1, (I.T.B. 6240-1905), October 4, (I.T.B. 12228-1905), and January 12, (I.T.B. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the Department's instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with, and no information having been received that any one of the persons enumerated in his report was living on September 1, 1902, he recommends that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and this Office and that he be authorized

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to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in his possession, and that the application for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits have been examined in this office, and are transmitted herewith the office concurring in the Commissioner's recommendation.

Very respectfully,

V. E. Leupp

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

PHIL.

August 23, 1906

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you forwarded affidavits as to the deaths of 63 persons whose names appear on the approved rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that you be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, you having complied with departmental instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons.

Reporting August 23, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs, and you are authorized to strike the names of said persons from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Roll No.

Name.

22356  
757  
834  
936  
940  
1011

Letha Bright  
Daisy Perenn  
Ellis Harlen  
George Welch  
Lee Welch  
Felina Mumpkin

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Shorelines by Blood.

Roll No.	Name.
1868	Louisa Norrington
2110	Benjamin H. Holland
2179	Harriet J. Gordon
2180	Alex Gray
2204	Ellen Gordon
2192	Yate Patterson
2242	Harold L. French
2215	Frank Starr
2347	Laura M. Holland
1472	Golda M. Fildes
1482	Jennie Larsen
1630	Joseph L. Stewart
1645	Johnathan S. Whitmore
1685	Ada M. Alberty
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13754	Rosa M. Hill
13782	Marla B. Hopkins
13851	Ellen Green
13990	Eliza G. Thompson
14304	Ketty M. Duffield
14670	John P. King
14729	Mary Ruff
14802	Charles Spears
15069	John W. Payne
15260	Rena F. Fildes
15326	Edward L. Shirley
15500	Thomas Shirley
15642	Walter Kirk
15852	Elizabeth Evans
16169	Wask Clifford Farris
16177	Lucy J. Walker
16223	William H. Stephens, Jr.
16379	Mary Blackman
16381	Wanda Blackman
16427	Robert Dean
16462	Isola Duffington
16797	Daisy Jewell
17932	Eliza Jane Macky

**Members by Name.**

Roll No.	Name.
12578	William Feather
12579	Alley C. Smith
12580	Alley C. Smith
12581	Calvin L. Lacy
12582	John R. R. R.
12583	John R. R. R.
12584	John R. R. R.

**Members by Name.**

Roll No.	Name.
48	W. L. Lacy
125	Perce Johnson
220	Jack R. R.
1298	Jack R. R.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,  
Assistant Secretary.

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Cherokee F.  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 1, 1906.

Becky Ross,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear madam:

In connection with the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of your son, Jack Ross, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that his name was stricken from the approved roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation and the application for his enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior August 29, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

...for the 1990s

The report contains a transcript of his "secret" type notes prepared  
 reflecting and paraphrasing in his own words what the telegraph is  
 conveying to the New Glasgow Times in connection with the  
 K. P. Green, saying that the two men are not of the same ilk, but the

that, as well as the other things I have mentioned, you may find it interesting to know that I am now in the city of New York.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
St. Louis, Mo., April 27, 1901.

In the matter of the application of John Mackey for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A John Mackey.  
Q How old are you? A About 35.  
Q What is your post-office? A Mobsin, Tenn.  
Q What district do you live in? A Canadian.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other nation? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Nobody.  
Q What is your father's name? A Thornton.  
Q You know his first name? A John.  
Q Is he living? A No sir, he is dead.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Sylvia.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Sylvia Thornton? A Yes sir.

1880 unclassified roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 390 #1920 John Thornton, Illinois District, adopted roll.

Kerna-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant not identified thereon.

- Q Did you draw your strip money? A No sir.  
Q Why? A Name wasn't on the roll, I don't think. On the Strip roll.  
Q Did you try to draw it? A Yes sir.  
Q Wouldn't it have been? A No sir.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.  
Q You ever been married? A No sir.  
Q You always live in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q All your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, right here.  
Q Were you didn't draw your Strip money? A No sir.  
Q You know where your name was on the census roll of 1896 or not? A No sir, I can not tell you.  
Q You lived in the Cherokee Nation while didn't you? A No sir, born and born right here, lived here all my life.  
Q Your mother draw Strip money? A Yes sir, but she didn't draw mine. I was the only child that didn't draw of hers.  
Q Aint it a little strange that they would let the other children draw and not you? A Looks that way.  
Q Were you in prison in 1896? A I think I was.  
Q Where at? A Tahlequah.  
Q What had you been doing at Largoey?  
Q Got away with it? A Yes, I got away with it.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 129 #23 John Mackey, Tahlequah District, prison roll.

- Q Are you the identical person that's enrolled in 1880 as John Thornton? A I think I am.  
Q How did you happen to be enrolled Thornton? A My grandma done business for me then.  
Q And her name was Thornton? A Yes, she is dead now.  
Q Was her name Thornton? A Yes sir, she used to be White, her last husband was a White; she was Thornton before she married him.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
FT. T. D.  
APR 27 1901

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

ACTING CHAIRMAN

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# CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 27 1901

Post Office ...

District ...

1. Name John Mackey

Age 26

Owner's name ...

Citizenship ...

Year 1880

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No. 1920

District ...

Parents:

Father ...

Citizenship ...

Mother ...

Citizenship ...

2. Name of wife ...

Age ...

Owner's name ...

Citizenship ...

Year ...

Page ...

No. ...

District ...

Parents:

Father ...

Citizenship ...

Mother ...

Citizenship ...

Names of Children:

3.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
4.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
5.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
6.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
7.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
8.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
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11.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
12.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.

Application made by M. I.

Stenographer M. D. Green

On 1880 roll as John Thornton  
On 1896 roll P/296 #23 - Fakh Bism roll





Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of 1891.

There is complete transcript of the stenographic notes of the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the record in the Commission to the Vice Consul and the Vice Consul is a "D. Green" being first duly sworn before me as stenographer to the

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Pt. Gibson, I.T., April 27, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Thompson for the enrollment of himself and four children as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William Thompson.  
Q How old are you, William? A 20.  
Q What is your post-office? A Pt. Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1890? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A I have got some children.  
Q Got a wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll your wife? A Well if I could, but then she is not on the 1890 roll; she will have to enroll herself.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Albert Thompson, nine.  
Q Next child? A Laura.  
Q How old is Laura? A 8.  
Q Next child? A Willie, a girl, 4.  
Q Next one? A Junie.  
Q Junie isn't it? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is Junie? A A year old.  
Q That all? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Dolly.  
Q She the mother of these children? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her name before you married her? A Dolly Thompson.  
Q Before you married her? A Yes sir.  
Q And named Dolly Thompson now? A Yes sir.  
Q You say she has never been recognized? A Well she appears on the early roll.  
Q Were you ever married to Dolly Thompson? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got a certificate of marriage? A Yes sir.  
Q Anybody you can prove your marriage by? A Yes sir.

BART THOMPSON, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Bart Thompson.  
Q How old are you? A 60.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Gibson.  
Q Are you a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q You know William Thompson, the applicant? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he your son? A Yes sir.  
Q You know his wife, Dolly? A Yes sir.  
Q You know whether they were ever married or not? A Oh yes sir, they were married by a licensed preacher.  
Q Did you see them married? A Yes sir.  
Q They are living together now as man and wife? A Yes sir.  
Q About when were they married? A (No reply)  
Applicant: June 11, 1891.  
Q You know these children of his? A Yes sir.  
Q Were they all born to his wife since he married her? A Yes sir.  
Q Has he ever been enrolled? A No sir.

1890 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 814 #2337 William Thompson, Tahlequah District, adopted colored;

William Thompson et al.

1896 census roll of all gens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 1325 #343 William Thompson, Tahlequah District.

- Q Did you have a child named Lydia? A No sir, step-child.  
Q Where is Carrie? A She is at home. That's a step-child.  
Q You don't want to enroll them? A No sir.

1898 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants children identified thereon as follows:  
page 1325 #343 Albert Thompson, Tahlequah District.  
page 1325 #349 Laura Thompson, Tahlequah District.

- Q Are these children all alive at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q Living with you? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Living here now? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: The name of William Thompson is found upon the authenticated roll of 1890 as well as the census roll of 1896; he applies for the enrollment of himself and four children, to-wit: Albert, Laura, Willie and John, the names of his two older children Albert and Laura are found upon the census roll of 1896; the names of Willie and John do not appear upon said roll, being born after said roll was compiled; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; in order to complete the enrollment of his two younger children, Willie and John, it will be necessary for him to file satisfactory proof of birth.

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M.D.Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D.Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 27, 1901.

*W.H. Lind*

Commissioner.



MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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APR 27 1901

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

HEROKEE FREEDMEN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 26 1901.

Post Office *St. Gibson St.*District *Tahlequah, Ok.*1. Name *William Thompson*Age *28*

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year *1880* Page *814*No. *2337*District *Tahlequah*

Parents:

Father *Bart Thompson*Citizenship *Cher Freed*

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2. *Albert Thompson* Year *1896* Page *1325* No. *548* Dist. *Tahlequah* *9*3. *Laura* Year *1896* Page *1325* No. *549* Dist. *"* *8*4. *Nellie* (dau) Year Page No. Dist. *4*5. *Jerne* Year Page No. Dist. *1*6. Year Page No. Dist. *1*7. Year Page No. Dist. *1*8. Year Page No. Dist. *1*9. Year Page No. Dist. *1*10. Year Page No. Dist. *1*11. Year Page No. Dist. *1*12. Year Page No. Dist. *1*Application made by *(No. 1)*Stenographer *M. D. Green*

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*No 1 on 1896 Roll, 1325 #545 Tah. dist.*  
*No 3. 1896 " as Laura Thompson*

*Nos 4 and 5 Birth certificates required.*

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**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Helen Thompson*  
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE, Nation.

Approved,

December 5<sup>th</sup> 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Willie Thompson born on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: William Thompson citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Dolly Thompson citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Fort Gibson, St.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

I, Dolly Thompson, on oath state that I am 35  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Thompson, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1896 that said child has been  
named Willie Thompson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Dolly ThompsonSubscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1901.John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

I, Martha Tenn, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Dolly Thompson wife of William Thompson  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1896 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Willie Thompson.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Willie Thompson  
Darah Thompson

Martha TennSubscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of April, 1901.John Brady

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*June Thompson*  
as a citizen of  
CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved.

*December 5<sup>th</sup>*

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

By RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of June Thompson (Here insert name of child), born on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900  
Name of Father: William Thompson a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sally Thompson a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, St. Gibson, S.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District. }

I, Sally Thompson, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Thompson, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900 that said child has been  
named June Thompson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sally Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District. }

I, Martha Vann, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sally Thompson wife of William Thompson  
on the 11 day of June, 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named June Thompson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Lillie Thompson

Sarah Thompson

Martha Vann  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Hannie Thompson*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved

*Oct 31* 1902

*L. R. Brundage*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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*[Signature]*  
Assistant Commissioner

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Nannie Thompson*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved

*Oct 31* 1902

*T. R. Buckner*  
Commissioner.

COMMISSION TO THE INDIAN BUREAU

OCT 31 1902

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Nannie Thompson born on the 6 day of June, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: William Thompson a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Dollie Thompson a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Fort Gibson P. O.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Dollie Thompson, on oath state that I am 33  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Thompson, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 6 day of June, 1902 that said child has been  
named Nannie Thompson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)Dollie Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

18<sup>th</sup> day ofAugust1902John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Martha Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Dollie Thompson, wife of William Thompson  
on the 6 day of June, 1902 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Nannie Thompson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)S Thompson  
L ThompsonMartha Vann  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

18 day ofAugust1902John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

June Thompson  
a citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation.

Approved Dec 6 1904

G. M. Beckwith  
Commissioner.

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of June Thompson  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Tit Gibson, Ind. Ter., and died on the 11 day of  
July, 1903  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Dolly Thompson, on oath state that I am about 35  
 years of age and a citizen, by Tit Gibson, of the United States Nation;  
 that my post office address is Tit Gibson Ind. Ter.; that I am  
mother of June Thompson  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by a daughter of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said June Thompson died on the 11 day of  
July, 1903  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
 (Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of Nov, 1904  
Samuel Foreman  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
 (Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public.



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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Willie Thompson  
a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved Dec 5 1904

W. H. Breckinridge  
Commissioner.

*[Signature]*

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Willie Thompson  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Tulibson, Ind. Ter., and died on the 12 day of  
July, 1903  
(Here insert name of post office)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Dolly Thompson, on oath state that I am about 35  
years of age and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the United States Nation;  
that my post office address is Tulibson Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
mother of Willie Thompson  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Willie Thompson died on the 12 day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
July, 1903

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of Nov, 1903

Samuel Foreman  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_

Notary Public.

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Nannie Thompson  
a citizen of the

Chesapeake Nation.

Approved Dec 5 1904

C. H. Beckwith  
Commissioner

J. R. [illegible]  
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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Nannie Thompson  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
St. Hilson, Ind. Ter., and died on the 13 day of  
July, 1 903  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Dolly Thompson, on oath state that I am about 35  
 years of age and a citizen, by St. Hilson of the United States Nation;  
 that my post office address is St. Hilson Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
mother of Nannie Thompson,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Nannie Thompson died on the 13 day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)

July, 1 903 Dolly Thompson  
 WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of Nov 1904  
Samuel Foreman  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)

\_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public.

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Washington, Indian Territory, August 9, 1906

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 31, 1905 (I.T.B. 6186-1905), June 1, 1905 (I.T.B. 6340-1905), October 4, 1905 (I.T.B. 12220-1905), and January 12, 1906, (I.T.B. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 206 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are inclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons. The number of the enrollment card on which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
1	3	Joel M. Watkins
12	43	Henry C. Lowery
1607	4295	Frank V. Moss
1677	23022	Basie Woodall
1677	4479	Linnie Woodall
1696	4321	Minnie Willey
1717	4869	Sebe Cordey
1736	4754	Sibud Tally
1796	4726	Frank Yates
1821	23024	Freddie L. Davis.



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Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
1836	4887	Tony Craig
1838	4888	Edith West.
2010	5295	Lucy Hughes
2101	5440	Joseph Cox
2005	5442	Vernie Mason
2204	5712	William Beck
2210	5750	Della Tinson
2210	5878	Jack Griffin
2275	5900	Walter M. Kirk
2290	5947	Lucy A. Jackson
2292	5987	Vivian Ware
2297	5978	Lillie M. Hykes
2343	6000	John Smith
2346	6112	Thomas Daly
6156	14644	Albert Jennings
6191	30354	William Brew
7140	17046	Herbert C. Foster
7140	17067	Eve Foster
7229	17160	Barlow F. Lowrey
7248	17220	Walter D. Lender
7246	17237	Richard H. Walker
7246	17243	Buffalo D. Walker
7420	17303	Peachie Shumake
7436	17307	Mary C. McGorkle
7536	17316	Annie Young

## Cherokee Freedmen.

Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
68	216	Billy Tynes
70	224	Fatey Martin
281	751	John Anna Thompson
296	753	William Walker
300	2226	Emma Brew
322	1518	Osie Taylor
331	1007	William Thompson

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240 1905), and October 4 1905 (I.T.D. 12222-1905), as to the

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proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee Advocate" and "Muskegee Phoenix", both weekly newspapers of general circulation the former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Muskegee, Indian Territory, in the Recording District in which the above named persons are shown to have resided at the time of their death. The first issue of this publication in "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 3, 1906, and the first issue in the "Muskegee Phoenix" was on March 2, 1906. Attention was called to Section 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that the Commissioner would, at the expiration of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known postoffice advising the information

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received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said person as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1902, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

Incl. 42-11,  
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Commissioner.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

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September 18, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, 1906, referring to Departmental letters of May 21, 1905, (I.T.B.6180), June 1, 1905, (I.T.D.6240), October 4, 1905 (I.T.D.12228), and January 12, 1906, (I.T.D.119), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902. Commissioner Bixby transmits affidavits as to the deaths of certain of said persons. The numbers of the enrollment cards on which these persons are listed the numbers opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens and their names, are given in Commissioner Bixby's report. The Commissioner says that the Department's instructions of June 1, (I.T.D.6240), and October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with. The Commissioner further says that no information having been received that any one of the persons enumerated in his report was living September 1, 1902, he would recommend that their

names be stricken from the approved partial roll of citizens and freedom of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of this office and the Department and that his office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the application for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits as to the deaths of these persons are herewith transmitted, and the recommendation of Commissioner Bixby is concurred in.

Very respectfully,

G. F. Larrabee,  
Acting Commissioner.

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B.C. 44544,

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

PMH.

I.T.D. 12350-1906.

October 3, 1906.

Y.P.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you transmitted affidavits relative to the death of certain persons whose names appear upon the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended, as departmental instructions of June 1, 1905, and October 4, 1905, as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with, that their names be stricken from the copies of the approved roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation.

Reporting September 18, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

Proper steps will be taken by the Department and the Indian Office for the cancellation of such names from the approved rolls, and you are authorized to strike their names from the proper rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Roll No.

Name.

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23022  
4479  
4521  
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Jeal M. Watkins  
Henry C. Lowery  
Frank V. Ross  
Susie Woodall  
Lizzie Woodall  
Minnie Willey  
Rebe Gertray

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**Cherokee by Blood.**

<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Name.</b>
4736	Sibud Tally
4736	Frank Yates
23004	Freddie L. Davis
4897	Fanny Craig
4930	Edith West
5130	Lucy Hughes
5400	Joseph Cox
5441	Yannie Munnies
5710	William Best
5750	Della Timson
5875	Jack Griffin
5900	Walter A. Kirk
5940	Lucy A. Jackson
5967	Vivian Vere
5972	Lillie M. Spikes
5980	John Smith
6112	Thomas Daly
14644	Albert Jennings
30384	William Drew
17006	Horace C. Foster
17007	Vye Foster
17150	Bartow F. Lowrey
17228	Walter D. Leader
17237	Richard M. Walker
17243	Buffalo D. Walker
17583	Peachie Shoemaker
17597	Mary G. McGorkle
17616	Annie Young

**Cherokee Freedmen.**

<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Name.</b>
210	Billy Tynes
224	Patsy Martin
701	John Anna Thompson
702	William Walker
2426	Hannah Drew
1316	Osie Taylor
1897	William Thompson

Respectfully,

Thos Ryan  
Acting Secretary.

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Cherokee Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 5, 1906.

Dolly Thompson,

Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In connection with the application for the enrollment, as a freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation, of your husband, William Thompson, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1903, you are advised that his name was stricken from the approved roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and the application for his enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior October 3, 1906.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Tulsa, Indian Territory, April 29, 1901.

In the presence of the application of Clara Vann for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, the testimony is as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Clara Vann.  
Q How old are you? A 35.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled to any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Well I have got three children.  
Q Have you got any children under 21 years of age? A No sir.  
Q They are all grown? A My children are all grown; my two oldest boys are in the war, and I have got two younger ones with me.  
Q Are they married, the two oldest boys? A One of them is married.  
Q You want to enroll them? A Yes sir, if I can.  
Q What is the oldest boy's name? A One is named James Vann.  
Q How old is he? A He is about 30, as near as I can get at it.  
Q What is the next one's name? A Andrew.  
Q How old is Andrew? A Andrew is about 26.  
Q Your other two children are over 21 are they? A Yes sir, youngest boy is 22.  
Q What district did you live in in 1880? A Saline.  
Q You are Turk Vann's widow? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 672 #1209 Clara Vann, Saline, Adopted colored;

- Q Turk Vann is dead? A Yes sir.  
Q Are Andrew and Abe your children? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 1325 #568 Cloria Vann, Tahlequah District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Been living in the Cherokee Nation ever since during the war.

Com'r Needles: The name of Clara Vann is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; she is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof of residence, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 29, 1901.

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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CHEBOWEE FREEDMEN

Deputy  
Chief

Chief  
of  
Police  
Chebawee

James H. Hays

John

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STATEMENTS OF APPLICANTS.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 27<sup>th</sup> 1901  
 Post Office Saline, Mo.  
 District 1st

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Clara Vann Age 55

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 672 No. 1209 District Saline

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

M. W. Green

not on 1880 Roll as Clara Vann

not " 1896 " page 1325 no 568 Clara Vann

Cherokee Freedmen  
#882, 883, 884, 885,  
# 803.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 7, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Creek Enrollment Division.

General Office.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 3, stating that Uera, Jimmie, Jane, Caroline, Andy and Abe Vann appear upon the 1890 authenticated roll of the Creek Nation, Canadian Colored Town, that their father was a Cherokee, and asking to be advised as to the status of these persons as Cherokee freedmen.

In reply you are advised that these applicants have been listed for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen as follows:

Ohlera Vann,	Cherokee freedmen card No. 882,	final roll No. 1703,
James Vann,	" " " " 883,	" " " 1704,
Andrew Vann,	" " " " 884,	" " " 1705,
Jane Vann, (listed as Jane Swepston),	" 885,	" " " 1706,
Caroline Vann,	" " " " 886,	" " " 1728,
Abe Vann,	" " " " 803,	" " " 1963,

and that their final enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 16, 1903.

All the applicants above named are identified upon the 1890 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation, Saline District.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Commissioner in Charge.

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Refer to E. 50 and 84.

was enrollment as such.

Whether or not said Chloa Selis has been enrolled by the Commission as  
You are directed to advise the Creek Enrollment Division  
territory.

as known by the name of Chloa Anna and lives at Tahlequah, Indian Ter-  
submitted pending to show that she was married to a Cherokee citizen,  
freedman made by J. W. Dunn in or to March 1st, 1883. Valdemar has been  
The name of Chloa Selis appears upon the roll of Creek  
citizens:

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 3, 1904.



COMMISSIONERS.  
TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRACKINRIDGE,  
W. E. STANLEY.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 3, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Enrollment Division,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

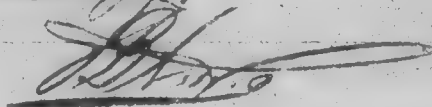
Gentlemen:

The name of Chloe Sells appears upon the roll of Creek freedmen made by J. W. Dunn prior to March 14, 1867. Evidence has been submitted tending to show that she was married to a Cherokee citizen, was known by the name of Chloe Vann and lives at Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

You are directed to advise the Creek Enrollment Division whether or not said Chloe Sells has been enrolled by the Commission as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation or if application has been made for her enrollment as such.

Refer to E. 20 and 84.

Respectfully,



Commissioner in Charge.

Greek N 26 & 26  
Cherokee Freedmen  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 7, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Greek Enrollment Division,  
General Office.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 3rd, stating that the name of Chlee Sells appears upon the rolls of Greek freedmen made by J. V. Dunn prior to March 14, 1867, that it appears that she was married to a Cherokee citizen, was known as Chlee vann and lives at Tahlequah. You request to be advised if this person has been listed for enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

In reply you are advised that the records of this Commission show that one Clara Vann, aged 55 years, father's name Richard Shaw, Cherokee freedman, mother's name Nancy Shaw, Greek freedman, has been listed for enrollment upon Cherokee freedmen straight card No. 602. It appears that the applicant gave the name of her mother's owner as Rosa Sells.

You are further advised that Clara vann's name appears upon the final roll of Cherokee freedmen approved by the Secretary of the

Interior, on January 10, 1904, opposite No. 1704.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.









Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
W. Givens, L. R. April 27, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Clara Vann for the enrollment of her son JAMES VANN, as a Cherokee Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, and testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Clara Vann.  
Q. How old are you? A. 36.  
Q. What is your present address? A. Tahlequah.  
Q. What district do you reside in? A. Tahlequah.  
Q. How old is James, your son, married? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Are you his mother? A. Yes sir.  
Q. What is his father's name? A. Tom Vann.  
Q. And Tom Vann is now living? A. No sir.  
Q. Is James Vann married? A. Yes sir. He is married and his wife is living with me, but he is in the war.  
Q. Is his wife a citizen? A. No sir. Mr. Ross' mother raised her. I don't know anything about her.  
Q. Have they any children? A. No sir.  
Q. James is in the war, do you know what part of the country he is in? A. No sir. I haven't had a letter from James since last June, had one from Andrew about three weeks ago and he said Jim was in four miles of him.  
Q. Where was Andrew? A. In the Philippines.  
Q. He is a United States Soldier is he? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Was he living last time you heard from him? A. Yes sir.

1890 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's son identified thereon as follows: page 672 #1210 James Vann, Saline District, adopted colored.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's son identified thereon as follows: page 1326 #575 James Vann, Tahlequah District.

- Q. Has James Vann always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Born and raised here? A. Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: The name of James Vann is found upon the authenticated roll of 1890 and the census roll of 1896; his mother, Clara Vann, applies for his enrollment, and makes satisfactory proof to the effect that he is a United States Soldier in the Philippines and cannot present himself in person; makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and his duly identified, consequently James Vann will be duly listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 29, 1901.

  
Commissioner.



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *April 27 1901*Post Office *Chickasaw St.*District *Chickasaw*1. Name *James Vann* Age *30*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *672* No. *1210* District *Sevier*

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by *Glora Vann mother* Stenographer *M. D. Green**No 10w 1896 Race page 13 & 6 No 575 Pak.**No 1 in Phieffines.*

Cherokee Freedmen  
#682, 683, 684, 685,  
& 803.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 7, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Creek Enrollment Division,  
General Office.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 5, stating that Gora, Jimmie, Jane, Caroline, Andy and Abe Vann appear upon the 1880 authenticated roll of the Creek Nation, Canadian Colored Town, that their father was a Cherokee, and asking to be advised as to the status of these persons as Cherokee freedmen.

In reply you are advised that these applicants have been listed for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen as follows:

Chlera Vann, Cherokee freedmen card No. 682, final roll No. 1703,	
James Vann, " " " " 683, " " " 1704,	
Andrew Vann, " " " " 684, " " " 1705,	
Jane Vann, (listed as Jane Sweepston), " 685, " " " 1706,	
Caroline Vann, " " " " 692, " " " 1723,	
Abe Vann, " " " " 803, " " " 1963,	

and that their final enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 16, 1903.

All the applicants above named are identified upon the 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation, Saline District.

Respectfully,

Chairman.





The following information was obtained from the records of the  
 Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.  
 on the subject of the above named individual, who is known to  
 have been in the United States for a period of approximately  
 ten years. The individual in question is a male, born on  
 [redacted] at [redacted] and is currently residing at  
 [redacted] in the city of [redacted].  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 29, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Clara Vann for the enrollment of her son, Andrew Vann, as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles and testified as follows:

- Q How old is your name? A Clara Vann.  
Q How old are you? A 35.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q How old did you say Andrew was? A I don't know exactly his age.  
Com'r: About 22 years old.  
Q What is his post-office address when he was at home? A Tahlequah.  
Q Live in Tahlequah District? Or Illinois? A Yes sir, Tahlequah.  
Q Is Andrew Vann married? A No sir.  
Q Has he always been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Never applied to be recognized by any other tribe or nation?  
A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 674 #1212 Andy Vann, Salina District, adopted colored.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's son identified thereon as follows:  
page 1325 #333 Andrew Vann, Tahlequah District.

- Q What is the reason Andrew Vann is not here himself, is it because he is a United States soldier? A Yes sir.  
Q In the Philippine Islands? A Yes sir.  
Q He has always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: The name of Andrew Vann is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Andy Vann, and upon the census roll of 1896 as Andrew; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and gives satisfactory reason why he is not present himself; he ~~will~~ now being a soldier in the Philippine Islands; he is duly identified and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 29, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

FT. T. D.  
APR 27 1901

SEBOKEE FREEDMEN

*[Signature]*  
SIXTH CHAIRMAN

6000 (1890)

Delivered

Discharge

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April

Post Office Gallegual St.

District Gallegual

1. Name Andrew Vann Age 28

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 672 No. 1212 District Saline

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by (Cora Vann) Mother Stenographer M. D. Green

no 1 on 1882 Roll Andy Vann  
no 1 on 1896 Roll 525 No 0569 Tak Dist

In Philippines

Cherokee Freedmen  
#432, 433, 434, 435,  
& 436.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 7, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Creek Enrollment Division,  
General Office.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 3,  
stating that Gera, Jimmie, Jane, Caroline, Andy and Abe Vann appear  
upon the 1890 authenticated roll of the Creek Nation, Canadian  
Colored Town, that their father was a Cherokee, and asking to be  
advised as to the status of these persons as Cherokee freedmen.

In reply you are advised that these applicants have been  
listed for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen as follows:

Chlera Vann, Cherokee freedmen card No. 432, final roll No. 1703,	
James Vann, " " " " 433, " " " 1704,	
Andrew Vann, " " " " 434, " " " 1705,	
Jane Vann, (listed as Jane Swepston), " 435, " " " 1706,	
Caroline Vann, " " " " 436, " " " 1707,	
Abe Vann, " " " " 437, " " " 1708,	

and that their final enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the  
Interior on January 16, 1903.

All the applicants above named are identified upon the 1890  
authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation, Saline District.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



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Acting Chairman

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T., March 27, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jane Swopton for the enrollment of herself and four children as Cherokee Freedmen.  
Jane Swopton, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jane Swopton.  
Q How old are you? A 29.  
Q What is your post office address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah district.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No, sir.  
Q Never drew any money from any other tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Turk Vann.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Clara Vann.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes, sir. I want to enroll four children.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Lelia Swopton.  
Q How old is Lelia? A She is 8.  
Q What is the next one? A Lena.  
Q How old is Lena? A 3 years old.  
Q The next one? A Joanna.  
Q What is her age? A She is 3 years old.  
Q How the next one? A Vann.  
Q How old is he? A He is a little over 3 years old.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant, Jane Swopton, identified thereon, page 672, No. 1241, Saline district, Jane Vann.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Jane Swopton on page 1328, No. 471, Tahlequah district.

- Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Perry.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Only by marriage.  
Q You don't apply for him then? A No, sir.  
Q If he wants to apply he can do it himself. You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Lelia Swopton on 1896 roll, page 1322, No. 472, Tahlequah district as Lelia Swopton.  
Lena Swopton on page 1322, No. 473, Tahlequah district, as Lena Swopton.

Q Have you got any affidavits made out as to these children? A Yes, sir, I have got them made out (exhibiting papers.)

Q You have signed them S-w-o-p-t-o-n; now do you suppose that is right? A It is S-w-o-p-t-o-n.

Q Tell you will have to sign it Swopton? you had better have them changed to Swopton if that is the proper way? A Yes, sir.

Q These children are all living are they? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Needles: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and four children. Her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Jane Vann, her maiden name, and on the census roll of 1896 as Jane Swopton, her present name. She avers that she is married to one Perry Swopton, a non citizen, by whom she has four children, Lelia, Lena, whose names appear upon the census roll of 1896, and Joanna and Vann, whose names do not appear upon said roll, having been born after said rolls were compiled. They are all

James D. Jones, being duly sworn, says that all stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he personally received the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Charles E. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of April, 1901.

*E. B. Jones*

Notary Public.



MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

APR 27 1901

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

SHOONKEE FREEDMEN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 27<sup>th</sup> 1901  
 Post Office Pahlequah St.  
 District Pahlequah

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Jane Sleepston Age 29

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 677 No. 1211 District Saline

Parents:

Father Tusk Vaine dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Clora Vaine live Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2. <u>Lelia Sleepston</u>	Year <u>1896</u>	Page <u>1322</u>	No. <u>472</u>	Dist. <u>Pahlequah</u>	<u>8</u>
3. <u>Lena</u>	Year <u>1896</u>	Page <u>1322</u>	No. <u>473</u>	Dist. <u>"</u>	<u>6</u>
4. <u>Joanna</u>	Year _____	Page _____	No. _____	Dist. _____	<u>3</u>
5. <u>Vain</u>	Year _____	Page _____	No. _____	Dist. _____	<u>2mo</u>
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Application made by (no 1) Stenographer B. E. Jones

no 1 on 1880 Roll as Jane Vaine  
 no 1 " 1896 " page 1322 No 471 Jane Sleepston,  
 (Pah. Dist.)  
 no 2 " 1896 " Lelia Sleepston  
 no 3 " 1896 " Lena "

nos 4 and 5 Birth certificates required.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Jeanna Swepston.

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved

*May 4* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED

MAY 1901

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation,

of Joanna Swebston, born on the 10 day of December, 1897.  
(Here insert name of child.)

Name of Father: Perry Swebston, a citizen of the United States Nation.

Name of Mother: Jane Swebston, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Post-office, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Jane Swebston, on oath state that I am 39 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Perry Swebston, who is a citizen, U.S. of the U.S. Nation, that a Female child was born to me on the 10 day of December, 1897; that said child has been named Joanna Swebston, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Jane Swebston

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of Apr, 1901.

Geo F Nave

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Betsy Grace, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Jane Swebston, wife of Perry Swebston, on the 10 day of Dec, 1897; that there was born to her on said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Joanna Swebston.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Geo F Nave  
Charlotte Sharpe

Betsy Grace  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of April, 1901.

Geo F Nave

NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE NATION

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Vann Swepston.

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Vann Swebston, born on the 7th day of February, 1901  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Perry Swebston, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Jane Swebston, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Tablequah, Ind. Ter.

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WITNESSES TO MARK:

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Witnesses)Geo. F. Nave  
Charlotte SharpeBetsy her Greece  
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NOTARY PUBLIC.



Cherokee Freedmen  
#682, 683, 684, 685,  
& 803.

Monteagle, Indian Territory, November 7, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Creek Enrollment Division,  
General Office.

Gentlemen:

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In reply you are advised that these applicants have been listed for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen as follows:

Chlere Vann, Cherokee freedmen card No. 682, final roll No. 1703,	
James Vann, " " " " 683, " " " 1704,	
Andrew Vann, " " " " 684, " " " 1705,	
Jane Vann, (listed as Jane Sweepston), " 685, " " " 1706,	
Caroline Vann, " " " " 686, " " " 1723,	
Abe Vann, " " " " 803, " " " 1863,	

and that their final enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 16, 1903.

All the applicants above named are identified upon the 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation, Saline District.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



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These and composite photographs of the aforementioned person, previously  
 disseminated and returned in the above case, and the following is a  
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 place of birth, date and other data, and that it is recommended to

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### Active Chairman

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T., April 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of John Fields for the enrollment of himself, wife and three children.

John Fields, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A John Fields.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A I have three children.  
Q You want to enroll yourself and three children? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A I am 35 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you live in Tahlequah District? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have lived there all my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Simon Fields.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A Been dead I think about 4 years.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Kate Fields.  
Q Is she dead? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the names of these children? A Maggie Fields, she is 7 years old.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A John Fields.  
Q Same name as yours; he is John Fields, Jr., then. A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is this child John? A 5 years old.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Mary Fields.  
Q How old is Mary? A One year old.  
Q That is all? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these children all living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of the mother of these children? A Nellie Fields.  
Q Was she your wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she dead? A No, sir, she is living.  
Q How old is she? A I think about 33 years old.  
Q Why don't you apply for her? A She is not on the rolls.  
Q Well, that might not be necessary; that question has not been determined yet, you had better apply for her? A Yes, sir.  
Commissioner: Let it be then for himself, wife and three children.  
Q She has no right as a Cherokee Freedman just of herself? A No, sir, she don't claim.  
Q If she has any right it is only by intermarriage? A Yes, sir.  
Q When were you and she married? A 1895.  
Q Have you a certificate of marriage? A No, sir.  
Q Is there anybody here who knows that you and she have lived together as husband and wife? A I suppose so, there is lots of them.  
Q Were you ever married except to this wife? A No, sir.  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A No, sir.  
Q Have you and she lived together ever since you married? A Yes, sir.

Columbus Lasky, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Columbus Lasky.  
Q How old are you? A 35.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant here, John Fields? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A I have known him ever since he was quite a child.  
Q Did you know his father? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was his name? A Simon Fields.  
Q Do you know his mother? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me her name? A Katie Fields.



John Fields - A.

- Q How many children has this man? A I can't tell you just how many children he has.
- Q Has he several children? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you know his wife? A Yes, sir.
- Q What is her name? A I forget her name just now.
- Q Do you remember her given name? A She was a Bolding.
- Q Has he ever been married but once? A That is all.
- Q Did you know her before he married her? A Yes, sir, I know her.
- Q Did you hear of her being married before? A No, sir, never heard of her being married before.
- Q Well, did you ever hear of her living with another man as his wife? A No, sir.
- Q Did she ever have any children before she married this man? A I think she has one child.
- Q Is that child alive or dead? A I can't tell you.
- Q Do you know who the father of that child was? A No, sir.
- Q Did you know her at that time when that child was born? A No, sir.
- Q You don't know whether she lived with the father of that child or not? A No, sir, I can't tell you.

John Fields, recalled, testified:

- Q What was your wife's name when you married her? A Nellie Bolding.
- Q Did she have a child before she married you? A Yes, sir.
- Q You know who is that child's father? A No, sir, I don't.
- Q Did she never tell you anything about that child? A No, I never did ask her anything about it.
- Q You don't know whether she was married to the father of that child or not? A She says she wasn't.
- Q Well, she has told you something about the child then; what did she tell you about it; did she tell you she had ever lived with the man? A No, I think; she didn't tell me but her mother told me it was a fellow by the name of Van Winkle is the father of it; that is my remembrance.
- Q What did she tell you about her having lived with that man Van Winkle? A She said she hadn't lived with him, he had promised to marry her some time and ran off.
- Q They didn't live together as far as you know? A No, sir.
- Q They didn't hold each other out as husband and wife as far as you know? A No, sir.
- Q Is that child living now? A Yes, sir.
- Q Is it living with you? A No, sir, it is with its grandmother.
- Q Where is your wife? A She is at Tahlequah, my home.
- Q Who married you and your wife? A Mr. Tom Triplett.
- Q A preacher? A No, sir, the district clerk.
- Q Where were you married? A Tahlequah, the Clerk's office.
- Q Will you will have to bring some testimony to prove that your wife wasn't married to the father of this first child. The mere existence of the child without explanation is evidence that she was married, and she has got to prove that she wasn't married.
- The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
John Fields on page 750, No. 785, Tahlequah district;  
Nellie Fields not on 1880 authenticated roll.
- The 1890 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
John Fields on page 1300, No. 133, Tahlequah district;  
Nellie Fields not on 1890 census roll;  
Maggie Fields on page 1300, No. 137, Tahlequah district;  
John Fields, Jr., on page 1300, No. 138, Tahlequah district.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and three children. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he



John Fields

will now be listed as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is not mentioned on any roll. He states that they were married in 1885, and that their marriage is established by additional personal testimony. The applicant claims that neither he nor his wife were previously married, but she had a slight prior marriage to the applicant, which ended in a divorce, but is not applied for, and the Commission is that this witness previously married. He also states for her as a Cherokee Freedman of her own right, but only by intermarriage. For the further consideration of her right as a Freedman by intermarriage, and also to her testimony regarding her possible former marriage, she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card.


Of the three children applied for, the first two are duly identified on the roll of 1885, they are living at this time, and they will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedman, on a doubtful card, to await proof that their mother wasn't married prior to her marriage to their father, or if so, that the former marriage ceased in a manner to make the present marriage legal. When the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of the birth of the youngest child, Mary Fields, this child also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card, to await the evidence just referred to.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 28th of April, 1901.



Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 29, 1901

Post Office Tahlequah, Ia.

District Tahlequah

1. Name John Fields, Jr. Age 35

Owner's name John Fields, Sr. Citizenship

Year 1885 Page 133 No. 925 District Tahlequah

Parents:

Father Simon Fields - dead Citizenship

Mother Kate " - living Citizenship

2. Name of wife  Age

Owner's name  Citizenship

Year  Page  No.  District

Parents:

Father  Citizenship

Mother  Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by No. 1

Stenographer B. G. Jones

1. Our roll as John Fields  
1. 1896 " Page 1308 No. 136. John Fields, Tahlequah

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Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Wilson, I.T., April 29, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Levi Melton for the enrollment of himself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen.  
Levi Melton, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Brockbridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Levi Melton.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just my boy, Willie.  
Q How old are you? A I am 39 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Redland.  
Q In what district do you live? A Sequoyah.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life, born here.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Nathan Melton.  
Q Is your father dead? A He is living.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Rosanna Melton.  
Q Is she dead? A She is living.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A Willie Melton.  
Q Boy or girl? A Boy.  
Q How old is that child? A He is 11 years old.  
Q Is he living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of the mother of this child? A Elizabeth Melton.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A 8 years.  
Q She was your wife, was she? A Yes, sir.  
Q And this is your child? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did she possess any right of herself as a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir.  
Q Only as your wife? A Yes, sir, that is all.  
Q Were you ever married except to her? A Yes, sir, I have been married since then.  
Q But were you ever married before you married her? A No, sir, never was, she was my first one.  
Q Was she ever married before she married you? A No, sir.  
Q What was her name before she married you? A Jones.  
Q That was her maiden name, was it? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Her father was named Andy Jones.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir, he has been dead, but I hardly recollect —  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Mennie Jones.  
Q Is she dead? A No, sir, she is living.  
Q How old was your wife when she died? A I can't tell you.  
Q How old would she be now, about your age? A She is somewhere along about my age.  
Q Is there anybody here who knows that you and your wife lived together as husband and wife? A I don't know as there is anyone here now; yes, I guess so, there is a man right behind me.  
Q You haven't got a certificate of your marriage to your wife? A No, sir.  
Q Did you get a license? A No, sir.  
Q Who married you? A Preacher by the name of Churchill..  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where is he living? A He is living in Baltimore, Ohio somewhere.  
Q Was he a white man or a colored man? A He was a colored man.  
Q Didn't he give you a certificate of marriage? A No, sir.  
Q He charged you a fee, didn't he? A Yes, sir, that is all we had to pay about that time.  
Q Well you will have to produce proof showing your marriage to your wife. A Yes, sir.

The 1886 authenticated roll, of Cherokee Freedmen examined and

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the applicant Levi Melton identified himself, page 308, No. 334, Sequoyah district, as Levi Melton.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen contains, and the applicant identified himself, page 312, No. 333, Sequoyah district, as Levi Melton.

Willie Melton not on 1896 roll.

Q Did you draw Cherokee title money for this child? A No, sir, it wasn't found.

Q Did you have him enrolled in 1896 on the census roll? A Yes, sir, had him enrolled in Claremore.

Q How does this child live with? A Stays at Muskogee going to school.

Q Well, the child's mother died when he was very young, and then who brought him up? A Why, his aunt.

Q What is her name? A His aunt is named Sarah something, I forget her name now, she is in Arkansas now; they are not natives you know.

Q But she brought the child up? A Yes, sir, she raised him up.

Q The child may be enrolled under the name of that aunt; what is her name? A No, I enrolled the child myself.

Q Give me anyway that aunt's name? Can you remember it? A No, sir, I can't remember what her other name was; I will have it and bring it in before this thing is closed.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and one child. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He is duly identified with his family, and the variations in name are not sufficient under the circumstances to cast doubt upon the identification. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

His child, Willie Melton, for whom he applies, is not identified upon the Kerne-Clifton roll or upon the census roll of 1896. No claim is made that the child's mother possessed any rights of herself. The applicant is not able to establish his marriage to his deceased wife, the mother of this child, at this time. He states that neither he nor the mother of this child were previously married, and affirms that he had the child enrolled in 1896. Giving the child the benefit of any doubts that may exist in the case, it will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman upon a doubtful card, to await identification upon some roll or satisfactory evidence of legal marriage between his father and mother. The child is said to be living at this time, and at school at Muskogee.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 29th of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

APR 29 1901

ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 29, 1901Post Office Redland St.District Cherokee1. Name Levi Milton Age 29

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1890 Page 709 No. 831 District Cherokee

Parents:

Father Nathan Milton Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother Rosanna Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

Willie MiltonYear 1891 Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by M. J. Stenographer R. B. Jones1. Answered as Levi Milton  
1. 1896 Page 412 # 363 - Levi Milton, Sr.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Wash. D.C., April 19, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Emrus Brown for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman.  
Emrus Brown, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Brackinridge, testified as follows:

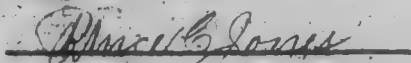
- Q Give me your full name? A Emrus Brown.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to apply for anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q How old are you? A 35 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Sledge.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I was born and raised here.  
Q Have you lived here all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Sam Brown.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Jennie Brown.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you a brother named David? A Yes, sir.

The 1890 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 512, No. 306, Illinois district, as Emrus Brown, no age or nationality.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 942, No. 36, Illinois district, as Emrus Brown.

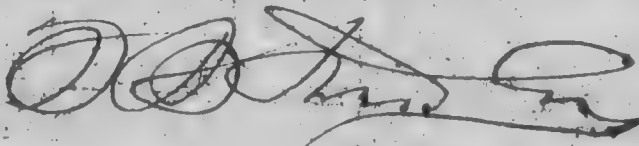
Commissioner Brackinridge: The applicant is duly identified on the rolls of 1890 and 1896, on the first roll without nationality being given, and on the latter roll as a Cherokee Freedman. He applies for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life.

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Bruce V. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.



Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 29th of April, 1901.



Commissioner.

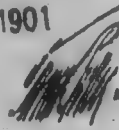
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MEMORANDUM  
FOR THE  
COMMISSIONER  
OF THE  
BUREAU OF  
INDIAN AFFAIRS

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 29, 1901Post Office Brown, Ill.District Illinois1. Name Emilia BrownAge 23

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 512 No. 316District Illinois

Parents:

Father Sam Brown CitizenshipMother Jessie Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year Page No.

District

Parents:

Father Citizenship

Mother Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by Mr. 1Stenographer B. C. Jones

1 Cr. 1880 roll as Emilia Brown  
1 " 1896 " P. 942 # 36 Emilia Brown, Ill.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Enious Brown*

a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved

*May 5* 1905

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Ennis Brown  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Braggs Ind. Ter., and died on the 14 day of  
October, 1904.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western DISTRICT.

I, Dave Brown, on oath state that I am 44  
years of age and a citizen, by Charles F. Jackson of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Braggs, D.T. Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the father of Ennis Brown  
(State relationship as father, son, brother, sister, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Charles F. Jackson of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Ennis Brown died on the 14 day of  
October, 1904.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)  
J. Patrick  
John Isaac

Sam'l Brown  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of December, 1904.

Edward M. Linn  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western DISTRICT.

I, Henry Roach, on oath state that I am 38  
years of age, and a citizen by Charles F. Jackson of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Braggs Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Ennis Brown  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Charles F. Jackson of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Ennis Brown died on the 14 day of  
October, 1904.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)  
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Henry Roach

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of December, 1904.

Edward M. Linn  
Notary Public.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
APRIL 29, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rhoda Brown for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, said Brown being sworn and examined by Commissioner J. O. Bowen, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name now? A Rhoda Brown.  
Q How old are you? A I am 49, was 13th day of this month.  
Q What is your place of birth? A Canada, Ontario.  
Q In what district are you now? A Canadian District.  
Q Are you a slave or a freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any tribe or Nation?  
A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever draw money from any other Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Are you married? A Not now, I am not.  
Q Were you ever married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A I could not tell you.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Her name is Grace.  
Q Grace what? A Grace Grayson.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she died the year peace was made.  
Q Were you a slave during the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your owner's name? A Tom Starr.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir, he is dead.  
Q You say you have been enrolled always by the name of Starr?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Why did you take the name of Starr? A Because I belonged to old man Starr and he always had my name put down on the roll himself.  
Q How did you happen to be named Brown? A I married a man by the name of Brown.  
Q Is he living? A No and him married, but we have separated.

The 1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name identified thereon, page 49, #1345, Rhoda Starr, Canadian District.

The 1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 97, #28, Rhoda Starr, Canadian district.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir, I was born and raised.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.  
Q You think this Rhoda Starr on the 1880 roll is meant for you?  
A Yes, sir.

COM'R BOWEN:--The name of Rhoda Brown is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as Rhoda Starr. Satisfactory reason is given in the testimony as to why the Rhoda Starr on the roll of 1880 is identified as the Rhoda Brown who now applies for enrollment. She makes no mistake as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

J. O. Bowen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, 1901.

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Commissioner

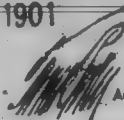
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 24th 1901  
 Post Office Starville D.C.  
 District Xonaduan

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

4 Name of wife Rhoda Brown Age 49

Owner's name Star Citizenship Cherokee

Year 1880 Page 49 No. 1345 District Xonaduan

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Grace Brown - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
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Application made by No 1

Stenographer

No 1 on 1880 roll as Rhoda Starr  
No 1 on 1896 roll, Page # 26 Star Dist Rhoda Starr



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FORT GIBSON, I. T., APRIL 29th, 1907

In the matter of the application of Winnie Fields for the enrollment of herself and four children as Cherokee Freedmen, said Fields being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Winnie Fields.  
Q How old are you? A I am 33 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Sharville.  
Q In what district do you live? A Canadian district.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or Nation? A I was enrolled at Tallapoosa, Cherokee.  
Q Have you ever been enrolled by any other tribe or Nation?  
A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other tribe or Nation?  
A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Myself and four children.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Tom Fields.  
Q Is he a non-citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Will Starr.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Rhoda Brown.  
Q Is Will Starr living? A No, sir.  
Q Is Rhoda Brown living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children, commencing with the eldest son? A Willie Sanford Fields.  
Q How old is he? A He will be seven years old in July.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Nellie.  
Q How old is Nellie? A She is five years old.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Ed.  
Q How old is Edward? A He is three.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Kella.  
Q How old is Kella? A She is one, going to two.  
Q Are you the mother of all these children? A Yes, sir.  
Q When were you married to Tom Fields? A In 1893.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant found there on, page 49, #1536, Winnie Starr, Canadian District.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found there on as follows:

Page 97, #6, Venie Fields, Canadian District.

Page 97, #7, William Fields, Canadian District.

Page 97, #8, Nellie Fields, Canadian District.

- Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes, sir, they are all living.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

- Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES: Winnie Fields applies for the enrollment of herself and four children. She avers that she was married to one Tom Fields in the year 1893, and that her maiden name was Winnie Starr. The name of Winnie Starr is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and is identified as the applicant. Her name is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Venie Fields, her present name. The names of her children, William and Nellie, are found upon the census roll of 1896. She avers she has two younger children, Edward and Kella, whose names do not appear upon said roll having been born after said roll was compiled. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Winnie Fields and her four children, as enumerated herein, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.



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reporting.

*J. B. ...*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

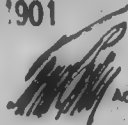


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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date *April 29th 1901*  
 Post Office *Starville, D.C.*  
 District *Canadian*

1. Name ..... Age .....  
 Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
 Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

2. Name of wife *Winnie Fields* Age *23*

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year ..... Page *49* No. *1346* District *Canadian*

Parents:

Father *Will Starr* Citizenship *Colored*

Mother *Rhoda Brown* Citizenship *"*

Names of Children:

✓ 1. <i>Willie S. Fields</i>	Year <i>90</i>	Page <i>97</i>	No. <i>1</i>	Dist. <i>Can</i>	<i>1 5 3 2</i>
✓ 2. <i>Willie</i>	Year <i>90</i>	Page <i>97</i>	No. <i>1</i>	Dist. <i>"</i>	
✓ 3. <i>Edward</i>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
✓ 4. <i>Kella</i>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
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Application made by

Stenographer

*Not on 1860 roll as Winnie Starr*  
*Not on 1890 roll as Rhoda Fields Can Dist.*  
*Not on 1896 roll as William Fields*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Edward Fields

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved, *Sept 10*

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Edward Fields, born on the        day of       , 1        
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Thomas Fields, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Name of Mother: Vinnie Fields, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Stawella, IA

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District,       

I, Vinnie Fields, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by blood, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Thomas Fields, who is a citizen, by  
marriage, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 23 day of April, 1898 that said child has been  
named Edward Fields, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Ollie F. Griffin  
H B McCreck

Vinnie Fields

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of August, 1901.

Geo. M. Edwards

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

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District,       

I, Rhoda Brown, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Vinnie Fields, wife of Tom Fields,  
on the 23 day of April, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Edward Fields.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

G. Lee Ston  
Lio. W. Blackstone

Rhoda Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of May, 1901.

James M. Edwards

NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN: 690

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Kella Fields*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Kella Fields, born on the 3 day of April, 1899  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Thomas Fields, a citizen of the United States  
Name of Mother: Vinnie Fields, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Starville, Ia.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Vinnie Fields, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by Blood, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Thomas Fields, who is a citizen, by  
marriage, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 3 day of April, 1899, that said child has been  
named Kella Fields, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Ollie F. Griffin  
H B McCune

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of August, 1901.

James M Edwards  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Rhoda Brown, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Vinnie Fields, wife of Tom Fields,  
on the 3 day of April, 1899, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Kella Fields.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

L. C. Starr  
Geo. Blackstone

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of May, 1901.

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Green Fields

as a citizen of

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Gresson Fields, born on the 7 day of Jan., 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Tom Fields a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Vinnie Fields a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Starville, S.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Vinnie Fields, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Tom Fields, who is a citizen, by  
Marriage, of the Cherokee Nation; that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 7 day of Jan., 1902 that said child has been  
named Gresson Fields, and is now living.

Vinnie X Fields  
her mark.  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)  
W. L. Ingram  
Edward  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of March, 1902.  
S. W. Bunnigamer,  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Rhoda Brown, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Vinnie Fields, wife of Tom Fields  
on the 7 day of Jan., 1902; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Gresson Fields.

Rhoda X Brown  
her mark.  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)  
W. L. Ingram  
Edward  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of March, 1902.  
S. W. Bunnigamer,  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Vinita, Indian Territory, May 14th, 1901.

Thomas Fields, Esq.,

Starville, Indian Territory.

Sir:—

The birth certificates in the matter of the applications for enrollment as Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation of your children, Edward and Kella Fields, are returned to you herewith for the reason that the mother of these children has failed to make an affidavit as to their births. When this has been done forward the certificates to the Commission at Muskogee where they will receive further consideration.

When you applied for the enrollment of your family you advised the Commission that Kella was two years of age. In the birth certificate it appears that she is but one year of age. Please advise the Commission as to her correct age.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 29th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ballie McConnell for the enrollment of her sister CHARLOTTE BREWER and her niece ROSE ETIA BREWER as Cherokee Freedmen- She being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Ballie McConnell  
Q How old are you? A. 34.  
Q What is your post office? A. Malvin.  
Q In what district is that? A. Tahlequah.  
Q You say you want to enroll your sister? A. Yes sir.  
Q Why doesn't your sister apply for herself? A. She is in bed sick.  
Q How long has she been sick? A. Off and on for two months.  
Q Is she an invalid and unable to come? A. Well she is not quite an invalid but she cannot walk.  
Q What is her name? A. Charlotte Brewer.  
Q How old is she? A. 55.  
Q How long has she lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All her life.  
Q Is her post office Malvin also? A. Yes sir.  
Q Does she live in Tahlequah district? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your sister's father? A. Bass Harlin.  
Q Is he dead? A. No sir.  
Q Give me the name of her mother? A. Violet.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. 20 years, I was just a child.  
Q You say your sister has a child that you want to have enrolled? A. Yes sir.  
Q How many times has your sister been married? A. Just once.  
Q When was she married? A. Can't tell exactly.  
Q As near as you can come at it? A. As near as I can come at it, it must have been 19 or 20 years ago.  
Q What is as near as you can come to, it? A. Yes sir.  
Q To whom was she married? A. Andrew ~~Mathamattix~~ Brewer.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. Two years.  
Q Did he claim as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is there some one here that knows that they were married? A. Yes sir my father knows.  
Q Did they live together until Andrew ~~Mathamattix~~ died? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of this child? A. Rose Etia Brewer  
Q How old is that child? A. One week.  
Q Has your sister married since her husband Brewer died? A. No sir.  
Q But this is her natural child? A. Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 752, No. 1015, Charlotte Harlin, Tahlequah district.

1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 22 1503, No. 55, Charlotte Brewer, Tahlequah district.

BASS HARLIN, called and sworn as a witness, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Bass Harlin.  
Q How old are you? A. Somewhere about 65 or '4,  
Q What is your post office? A. Malvin.  
Q Is this your daughter here? A. Yes sir.  
Q You have another daughter haven't you? A. Yes sir.  
Q Her name is Charlotte? A. Yes sir.  
Q And this applicant here is her sister? A. Yes sir.  
Q Your daughter Charlotte was married once? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who did she marry? A. Andrew Brewer.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q Has she got a baby now? A. Yes sir.  
Q How old is that baby? A. I don't know exactly, just born a few days ago.  
Q Do you know that it is her own natural child? A. Yes sir, she is living

Salute November 11, 1891.

Yours in haste,

Dr. J. H. Blackledge.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of her sister, who is ill and unable to apply for herself, and for an infant child of her sister. The applicant's sister, Charlotte Brewer is duly identified on the rolls of 1890 and listed as a Cherokee Freedman, who has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, her change of name arising from her marriage is established by the testimony of the applicant and other personal testimony. This woman Charlotte Brewer will not be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, when a proper certification of birth is presented to the Commission of the birth of the infant child Ross Rita Brewer, the child of Charlotte Brewer, then this child Ross Rita will also be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. van Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Chas. van Weise

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th of April, 1891 at Fort Gibson, I. T.



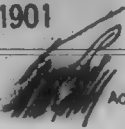
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 29, 1901

Post Office

Milton 29.

District

Tahlequah

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Charlotte Brewer Age 35

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1890 Page 768 No. 1015 District Tahlequah

Parents:

Father Bass Harlin - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother Violet " - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2. Rose C. Brewer Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 10th

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Application made by Ellie McBennell Secretary Chas. von Meier1. On 18th roll as Charlotte Harlin  
1. 1896, Page 1303 No. 53 - Tah. Dist.

2. Affidavit of birth to be supplied.

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**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

**INFANT CHILD**

*Rose E. Brewer*

as a citizen of

**CHEROKEE,**

Nation.

**JUL 18 1901**

Approved,

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Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Ross E Brewer, born on the 22 day of April, 1901  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Sam Polin, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Charlotte Brewer, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Melvin, Ok.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Charlotte Brewer, on oath state that I am 35  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am <sup>not</sup> the lawful wife of Sam Polin, who is a citizen, ~~by~~  
of the United States Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 22 day of April, 1901 that said child has been  
named Ross E Brewer, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of July, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Linda Rogers, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Charlotte Brewer, wife of Sam Polin,  
on the 22 day of April, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Ross E Brewer.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Linda Rogers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA. September 14, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Charlotte Brewer  
for the enrollment of herself and daughter Rose M. Brewer as Cherokee  
Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Charlotte Porter, being duly sworn, testified as follows.

- Q What is your name? A Charlotte Porter.  
Q How old are you? A I was born in 1865 and think I am about 37 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Melvin.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Samuel Porter.  
Q Is he a Freedman? A No sir.  
Q When were you and he married? A Two years ago, 1902.  
Q What month and day? A

There is offered evidence of marriage license issued by the  
clerk of the United States Court Indian Territory, Northern  
District on May 10, 1902, authorizing the marriage of Samuel  
Porter and Charlotte Brewer, also certificate attached thereto  
signed by C. H. Wilson, a minister of the Gospel, certifying  
that he united in matrimony the persons named in said license  
on the 10 day of May, 1902.

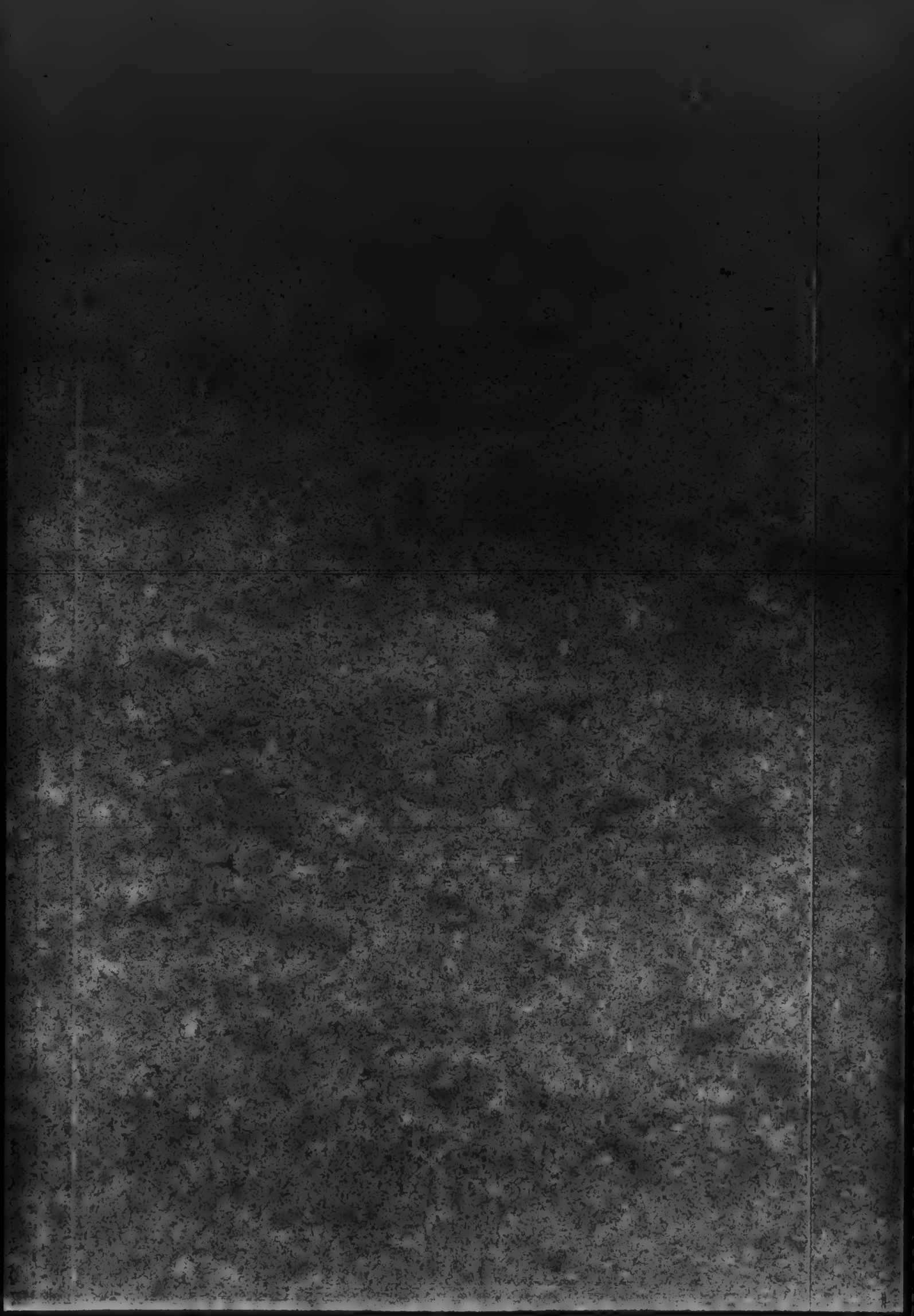
- Q Are you and Samuel Porter living together now? A Yes sir.

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenog-  
rapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, that the  
correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that  
the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic  
notes taken therein.

*Clinton W. Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 15 day of September, 1904.

*J. L. DeLoe*  
Notary Public.





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The 1888 census roll of the District of Columbia is now being examined and the names of the persons living in the District at that time are being ascertained. It is found that the names of the persons living in the District at that time are as follows:

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T., April 30th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Caroline Vann for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; she being sworn by Commissioner E. A. Sweeney, E. A. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Caroline Vann.  
Q How old are you? A. 35.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Tahlequah.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman of any other tribe? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever been named as a Freedman of any other tribe? A. No sir.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee roll? A. Yes sir, on the roll of 1890.  
Q What is your father's name? A. Turk Vann.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Clara Vann.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Were you born in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.

The 1890 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 672, No. 1215, Caroline Vann, Sakine district.

- Q Have you ever been married? A. No sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1325, No. 571, Carrie Vann, Tahlequah district.

By Com'r Needles,--

The name of Caroline Vann appears on the authenticated roll of 1890 and the census roll of 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; she is duly identified thereby and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the above is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 30th of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas von Weise*  
*E. A. Sweeney*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

April 30<sup>th</sup> 1901  
 Tahlequah, Okla.  
 Tahlequah

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

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Names of Children:

	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
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Application made by

Stenographer

Sharon Hise

On 1890 roll Page 1308 No 571  
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Tahlequah Dist no



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE  
KANSAS, D. C., JANUARY 28, 1905.

In the matter of the application of Caroline Vann for an  
allotment as a Cherokee freedman.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Caroline Upchurch, being sworn and examined by the Com-  
mission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Caroline Upchurch.  
Q How old are you? A 27.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vannochan.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes'm.  
Q Have you married since you emancipated? A Yes'm.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Jos Upchurch.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freedman? A No.  
Q When were you married? A October 6, 1902.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes'm.

May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded  
the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is  
a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January, 1905.

Samuel Foreman  
Notary Public.





Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you and your wife lived continuously in the Cherokee Nation since 1903? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living here now? A Yes, sir.

COMPARISONS:--Robert Hicks applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and six children. His name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. The name of his wife, Martha is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Martha Vann, that having been her maiden name. The names of his children, William H., George C., Robert A., Jesse L., Elie and Albert D., appear upon the census roll of 1880 and they are all duly identified according to the page and number as indicated in the testimony and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Robert Hicks and his wife, Martha, and his children, as enumerated herein, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Ex Freedmen.

notes thereof. J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of May, 1901.

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
FORT GIBSON, I. T., APRIL 30th, 1907.

In the matter of the application of Robert Hicks for the enrollment of himself, wife and six children as Cherokee Freedmen, said Hicks being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Snodgrass, was replied as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Robert Hicks.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah and Melvin, Melvin is the nearest Post office.  
Q Which do you want? A Melvin.  
Q What is your age? A 38 now.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Wife and six children.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Martha.  
Q What is her age? A She is about 45.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Henry.  
Q How old is Henry? A About 16 years.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Clarence.  
Q How old is Clarence? A 17.  
Q What is the next one? A Robert A.  
Q How old is Robert? A 15.  
Q Well, next one? A Ella, 12.  
Q Well? A Jesse.  
Q How old is Jesse? A Ten; Albert, seven.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your wife also? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment to any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir, I think so.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 766, #330, Robert Hicks, Tahlequah District.

- Q What was your wife's father's name? A Gilbert Vann.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Caroline.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.  
Q Was she ever married before she married you? A No, sir.  
Q Have you ever been married before you married her? A No, sir.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir, my wife is living.  
Q Has your wife been enrolled? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where? A Tahlequah District.  
Q Before no? A No, sir.  
Q Where was your wife 20 years ago? A I don't know but what she was in Tahlequah district 20 years ago.  
Q Are Gilbert and Caroline Vann living? A No, sir, both dead.  
Q When did Gilbert die? A I don't remember, he has been dead quite a while.  
Q Before 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did Caroline die? A I don't know just exactly, before I married.  
Q Before 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did your wife go by any other name besides Vann? A No, sir, not as I know of.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife's name found thereon, page 820, #2511, Martha Vann, Tahlequah District.

The 1890 census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Robert Hicks, et al. vs. E. J. Ressen.

Page 1311, #197, Robert Hicks, Tahlequah District.

Page 1311, #198, Martha Hicks, Tahlequah District.

Q Is your eldest son named William Henry? A Yes, sir.

Page 1311, #199, William H. Hicks, Tahlequah District.

Q What is your next son's name? A George Clarence.

Page 1311, #200, George C. Hicks, Tahlequah District.

Page 1311, #201, Robert A. Hicks, Tahlequah District.

Page 1311, #202, Ella Hicks, Tahlequah District.

Page 1311, #203, Jesse L. Hicks, Tahlequah District.

Page 1311, #204, Albert D. Hicks, Tahlequah District.

Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir.

Q Have you and your wife lived continuously in the Cherokee Nation since 1890? A Yes, sir.

Q Living here now? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDHAM: Robert Hicks applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and six children. His name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. The name of his wife, Martha is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Martha Vann, that having been her maiden name. The names of his children, William H., George C., Robert A., Jesse L., Ella and Albert D., appear upon the census roll of 1896 and they are all duly identified according to the page and number as indicated in the testimony and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Robert Hicks and his wife, Martha, and his children, as enumerated herein, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Ex Freedmen.

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J. O. Ressen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Ressen*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May, 1901.

*C. H. Ressen*

Commissioner.



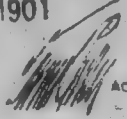
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

Post Office

District

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1901.  
 Melfrim St.  
 Tallapoosa

1. Name Robert Hicks Age 38

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 766 No. 930 District Tal

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Martha Hicks Age 49

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 820 No. 254 District Tal

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Indian Names of Children:

3.	<u>Martha</u>	<u>Nicks</u>	Year <u>1896</u>	Page <u>1311</u>	No. <u>196</u>	Dist. <u>Tal</u>	<u>18</u>
4.	<u>Robert</u>	<u>A</u>	Year <u>1896</u>	Page <u>1311</u>	No. <u>197</u>	Dist. <u>"</u>	<u>17</u>
5.	<u>Ella</u>	<u>A</u>	Year <u>1896</u>	Page <u>1311</u>	No. <u>198</u>	Dist. <u>"</u>	<u>15</u>
6.	<u>Jesse</u>	<u>A</u>	Year <u>1896</u>	Page <u>1311</u>	No. <u>199</u>	Dist. <u>"</u>	<u>12</u>
7.	<u>Jesse</u>	<u>A</u>	Year <u>1896</u>	Page <u>1311</u>	No. <u>200</u>	Dist. <u>"</u>	<u>10</u>
8.	<u>Jesse</u>	<u>A</u>	Year <u>1896</u>	Page <u>1311</u>	No. <u>201</u>	Dist. <u>"</u>	<u>7</u>
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Application made by

Stenographer

no 1 on 1896 Roll pag 1311 #194 Tal Dist  
 no 2... 1880 " " Martha Tamm  
 no 2.. 1896 Roll pag 1311 #195 Martha Hicks

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THE DEATH OF

*Robert A. Bieder*

a citizen of the

*Kandowia*  
*Cherokee* Nation.

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Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Robert A. Hicks  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Melvin Ind. Ter., and died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of  
March, 1905  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Robert Hicks, on oath state that I am 43  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Melvin Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the father of Robert A. Hicks  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Robert A. Hicks died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of  
March, 1905  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of March, 1905

J. P. Gibson  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1905

Notary Public.



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 6th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Egidio S. White for the enrollment of AUGUSTUS, MARY, ALEXANDER, ELLIS, ARTHUR and MARTHA WILLIAMS as Cherokee Freedmen; He being duly sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:-

- Q What is your name? A. Egidio S. White.  
Q How old are you? A. 37.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Vinita.  
Q Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A. No sir.  
Q For whom do you apply for enrollment? at this time? A. For the Williams children.  
Q What are their names? A. Augustus, Mary, Alexander, Ellis, Arthur and Martha Williams.  
Q You present duly authenticated letters of guardianship for these children; are you still their guardian? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is the age of Augustus? A. 13.  
Q How old is Mary? A. 13.  
Q How old is Alexander? A. 14.  
Q How old is Ellis? A. 14, he and Alexander are twins.  
Q How old is Arthur? A. 20.  
Q How old is Martha? A. She is 16.  
Q What is the name of the father of these children? A. Arthur Williams.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q What is the mother's name of these children? A. Elzira.  
Q Is she living? A. No sir.  
Q What district do these children live in? A. Delaware district.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's father and mother identified thereon as follows:

Page 333, No. 3810, Arthur Williams, Delaware District.  
Page 333, No. 3811, Eliza Williams, Delaware district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants not identified thereon.

The Kerne-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Page 17, No. 419, Arthur Williams Jr., Delaware district.  
Page 17, No. 420, Gus Williams, Delaware district.  
Page IV, No. 421, Martha Williams, Delaware district.  
Page 17, No. 424, Mary Williams, Delaware district.  
Page 17, No. 423, Alec Williams, Delaware district, "  
Page 17, No. 422, Ellis Williams, Delaware district.

- Q Are these children all alive at this time? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have the father and mother of these children been dead? A. About five years; maybe 6 or 7 years, died during the Freedmen payment at Dayton.

By Com'r Needles. - Egidio S. White applies for the enrollment of Augustus, Mary, Alexander, Ellis, Arthur and Martha Williams; he avers that they are the children of Arthur and Elzira Williams, now deceased, and the names of the said Arthur and Elzira Williams are found on the authenticated roll of 1880, and are fully identified as the father and mother of the applicants, and the names of the said children are found on the Kerne-Clifton roll but are not found on the 1896 census roll; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a fully true and correct trans-

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 6, 1861

Post Office

Vicksburg, MS.

District

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

1	Augustus Williams	Year	Page 17	No. 421	Dist. AL	18
2	Mary	Year	Page 17	No. 424	Dist. "	18
3	Alexander	Year	Page 17	No. 423	Dist. "	14
4	Ellis	Year	Page 17	No. 422	Dist. "	14
5	Arthur	Year	Page 17	No. 419	Dist. "	21
6	Martha	Year	Page 17	No. 421	Dist. "	16
9		Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
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11		Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
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Application made by

Stenographer

/ On Roll as

Mrs. Williams

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5 " " " " " " " " " " Arthur Williams Jr.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 22/91  
Monte  
D.C.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife ~~Martha Williams~~ Age ~~46~~

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father ~~Art Williams~~ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

3.	Elzina Lynch	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
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Application made by

Martha Lynch Stenographer

Supplemental to

94- Straight freedman -  
 Proof of birth to be supplied

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
VINITA, I. T., MAY 22, 1901.

In the matter of the enrollment of Augustus Williams, et al.  
as Shoshone Freedmen, the following supplemental testimony is offered:

MARTHA WILLIAMS being sworn and examined by Commissioner  
C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give your name? A Martha Williams.  
Q How old are you? A 16.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Art Williams.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Elzira.  
Q Who is Augustus Williams? A Augustus is my brother.  
Q Your father is dead is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your mother dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Well, you were enrolled a few days ago with your brother Augustus  
and sister Mary and several others with you? A Yes, sir.  
Q You want now to have a baby enrolled? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is that the baby you have there with you? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of the child? A Elzira Lynch.  
Q How old is the child? A It is four months old.  
Q Have you ever been married to a man named Lynch? A No, sir.  
Q Your name is still Williams? A Yes, sir.  
Q This is your own natural child? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born to you? A Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant is shown to be already  
enrolled on Freedman straight card #694. No mention was  
made at that time of this child. The application for her  
enrollment with that of her members of her family, all  
minors and orphans was made by Gideon S. White. It is now  
directed that this child, Elzira Lynch for whom the appli-  
cants, applicant, be listed with its mother on her card  
for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. This testimony will  
be filed in the jacket of that case. The applicant is  
required to supply the Commission with a certificate of  
birth of the child.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenog-  
rapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly  
recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic  
notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1901.

*J. O. Rosson*  
*Commissioner*

Commissioner.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Elzira Lynch

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

APPROVED

JUN 25 1901

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*[Signature]*

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Elzira Lynch born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1901.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Simon Lynch, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Martha Williams, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
Post-office, Vinita, OK

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Martha Williams, on oath state that I am 16  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Simon Lynch, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1901; that said child has been  
named Elzira Lynch, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Martha Williams  
mark  
Lois Brown  
Mary Vann

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of May, 1901.

Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

Lettie Poe, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Miss Martha Williams, wife of Simon Lynch,  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Elzira Lynch.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Lettie Poe  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of May, 1901.

Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

James Thompson

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, March 26th, 1903.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Augustus, Mary, Alexander, Ellis, Arthur and  
Martha Williams and Elaira Lynch, as Cherokee  
Freedmen.

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Gideon S. White, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. State your name? A. Gideon S. White.  
Q. How old are you? A. I am 59 years old.  
Q. What is your post office? A. Vinita.  
Q. Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A. I am not.  
Q. Do you know Augustus Williams? A. I do.  
Q. Is he a Freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Do you know his sister Mary? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. And his brothers Alexander, Ellis and Arthur? A. I do.  
Q. And his sister Martha? A. I do.  
Q. How long have you known these parties? A. 7 years,  
growing on 8.  
Q. Did you know their father? A. Yes, sir; I knew him by  
Art Williams.  
Q. Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A. Well, represented to be,  
I don't know.  
Q. How long did you know him? A. About 20 years.  
Q. When did he die? A. He died right away after the  
Cherokee payment.  
Q. That was in '97? A. He drew money then and built a  
house over here.  
Q. How long did you know him before that time? A. I have  
known him, I say, 20 years. I knew him first at Fort Smith when  
the marshall brought him down there and I have known him from that  
until he died. Just when he died I don't know.  
Q. How long have you been living in the Cherokee Nation?  
A. I actually been living here only 8 years but I been on the  
marshall force 14 years.  
Q. Have you known him all that time? A. Yes, sir.  
Well, he was brought down there the first time I saw him, then he  
was brought down there several times.  
Q. Do you know the mother of these children? A. I don't  
know, but she is dead. She died after her husband did. I couldn't  
say just when. I just saw her, I didn't know her.  
Q. Have these children that I have named lived here all their  
lives? A. Yes, sir; living here now.  
Q. They lived with their parents until their death?  
A. Yes, sir, and they live around with the kin folks now.  
Q. They are not all living together? They are scattered?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You know them? A. Yes, sir. Paid them money here right  
lately and took a receipt for it.  
Q. Do you know Elaira Lynch? A. I know old Simon Lynch.

Q. A child of mine Martha? A. I don't know her. She has  
not come probably.

Q. You don't know what her father is doing? A. No, sir.

Q. Where is Martha living? A. She is living on the Town  
lunch place. Her man lived there.

Q. Do you know whether they were married? A. I don't know.  
I knew she lived with him a while, then they quit.

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Jesse O. Carr on oath states that as stenographer to the  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above  
entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete  
transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of May, 1906.

Samuel Freeman  
Notary Public.

Examination No. 494, November 7, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Augustus, Mary, Alexander, Ella, and William Williams, and Maria Toman, all Cherokee Indians.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY

MARTHA MARTIN, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Martha Martin.  
 Q How old are you? A 19.  
 Q What is your postoffice? A Charles.  
 Q Was your postoffice visited when you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
 Q Have you married since then? A Yes sir, been married a year the first of last October.  
 Q What is the name of your husband? A Fred Martin.  
 Q He is a claimant for enrollment as a Freedman of the Cherokee Nation is he? A Yes sir.  
 Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.  
 Q You were married on the first of October, 1903? A Yes sir.

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes taken therein.

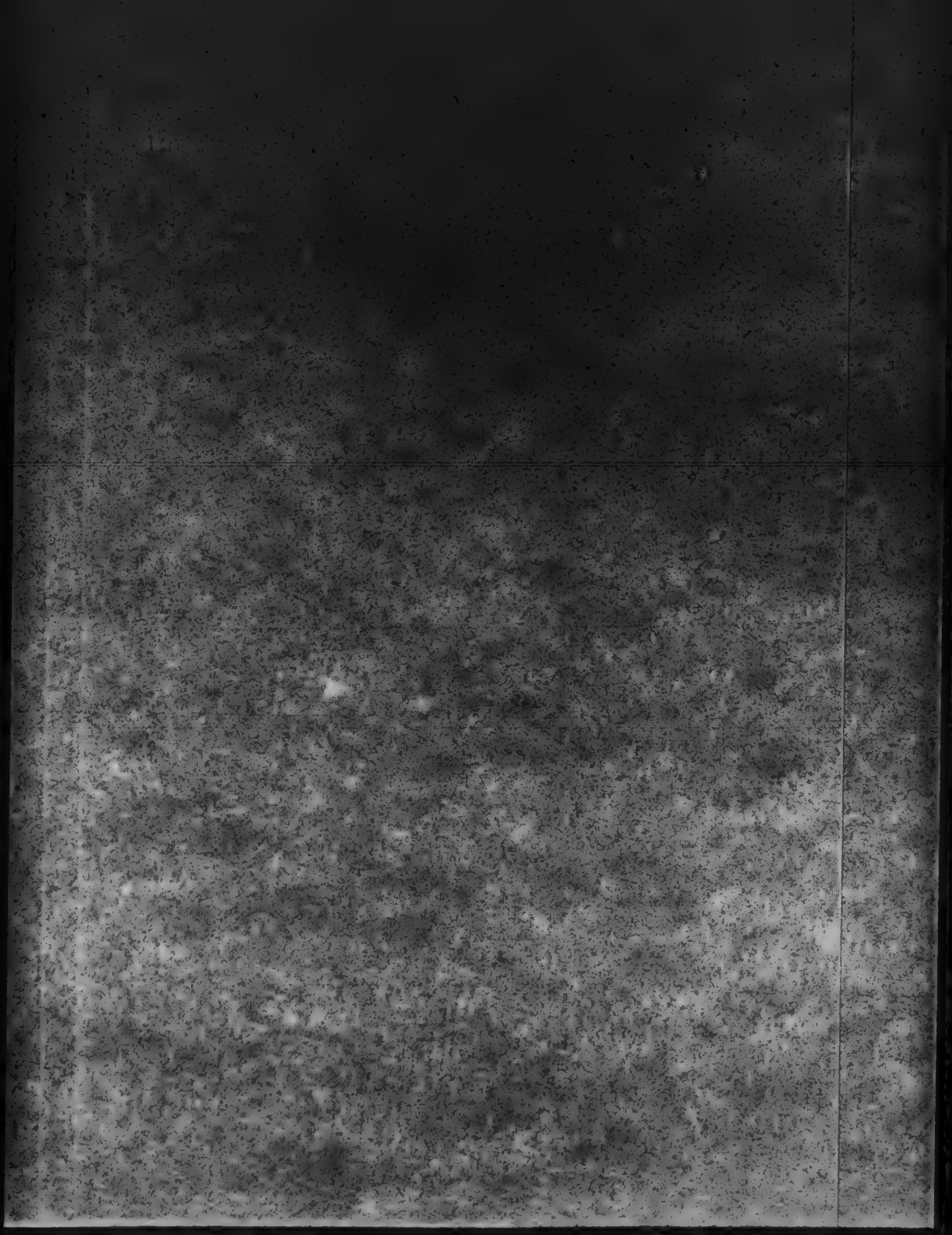
*Clinton W. Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of November, 1904.

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*Samuel Foreman*  
 Notary Public.





DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Frank Martin

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George ... all his life except during his present term of  
employment at Leavenworth, Kansas. This brother will now  
be listed for enrollment as a ... of a ...  
card to enable the Commission to ... the ... records at  
Leavenworth in case it desires to do so, and to verify the fact  
of the brother being now alive.

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the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes has correctly recorded the  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his statements and notes thereof.

*George ...*

seen to and subscribed before me this 6th of May, 1901.

*Handwritten signature*

Commissioner



Department of the Interior  
Commissioner to the Vice President of the  
United States, May 8, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Frank Martin for the enrollment of himself and his brother Robert Martin as Cherokee Freedmen.

Frank Martin, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner of the Interior, testified as follows:

- Q How old are you? A Frank Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 27 years old.  
Q Do you want to enroll your brother and yourself? A My brother and I.  
Q You have a brother in prison? A Yes, sir.  
Q You want to enroll them just yourself and your brother? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your post office? A Matamoras, T. X.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Samuel Martin.  
Q Is your father dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A Three years the third day of this coming August.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Patsy Martin.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Eight years the 12th of last March.  
Q Have you always been recognized and enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your brother? A Robert Martin.  
Q How old is he? A 22 years old.  
Q Is he your only brother? A Yes, sir.  
Q Same father and same mother? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is his post office the same as yours? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he now at Fort Leavenworth? A Yes, sir.  
Q When was he sent to prison? A He was sent there a year ago last March.  
Q For how long a time was he sent? A Three years.  
Q When was he sentenced? A Runagate.  
Q Has he lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life except while in prison? A Yes, sir.  
Q Does your brother have any other name besides Robert? A We just nick-named him Blunt Martin, but his right name was Robert.  
Q Do you ever call him General Blunt? A Yes, sir, we always call him General Blunt.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee citizens examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Frank Martin on page 283, No. 1244, Delaware district, adopted Freedman.

- Q Your mother was called Martha as well as Patsy, was she?

A Yes, sir.

Robert Martin on page 283, No. 1244, Delaware district, as Sam. Blunt Martin, adopted colored.

The 1890 census roll of Cherokee citizens examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Frank Martin on page 283, No. 108, Delaware district, adopted colored.

Robert Martin on page 283, No. 88, Delaware district, as Sam. Blunt Martin, adopted colored.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and a brother, who is said to be in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

His brother is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and

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true and complete transcript of the proceedings therein.

*Alfred G. Jones*

Done to and subscribed before me this 25th day of May 1901.

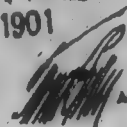
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Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Post Office Stetchum 29

District Shawnee

1. Name William H. Mason Age 47

Owner's name ✓ Citizenship ✓

Year 1880 Page 283 No. 1613 District Hillaware

Parents: 100.0 : 110.0

Father Wilson Martin - dead - Citizenship X colored

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2. Name of wife ..... Age .....

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father** ..... **Citizenship** .....

Mother Citizenship

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Application made by \_\_\_\_\_ Stenographer C. C. Voss

Stenographer D. C. Norris

On 1896 roll Page 634 No 108, Del Dist.



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**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

NO. 1210.

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE---GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. Frank Marshall of Ketchikan, in the Indian Territory, aged 26 years, and Miss Anna M. Davis of Tatchum in the Indian Territory, aged 18 years, according to law, and as yet officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Vinita, Indian Territory, this 10 day of February, A. D., 1901.

Chas. A. Davidson,

Clerk of the U. S. Court.

By T. A. Chandler, Deputy.

**INVESTIGATE OF MARRIAGE.**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Jesse Rowe, a Minister of the Gospel, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 27 day of March, A. D., 1901, I did duly and according to law as commanded in the foregoing license, solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand this 4 day of April, A. D., 1901.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Northern District, Book "B", Page 191.

Jesse Rowe,

A Minister of the Gospel.

**NOTE**—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the license was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

**CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

ms.

I, Charles A. Davidson, Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the 6 day of May, 1901, at ---M., and duly recorded in Book "K" Marriage Record, Page 307.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Muskogee, in said Territory this 8 day of May, A. D., 1901.

Chas. A. Davidson, Clerk.

By

Deputy.

I, Ray Palmer, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of the original.

*Ray Palmer*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Helara E. Martin

as a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

Approved James H. 1901 190

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment; as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Clara E Martin, born on the 7 day of Feb, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Frank Martin citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Addie M Martin citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Ketchum I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Addie M Martin, on oath state that I am 19  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Frank Martin who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 7 day of February, 1902; that said child has been  
named Clara E. Martin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Addie M Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11 day of June1902Louis T Brown

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Parmelia Rowe, a midwife on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Addie M. Martin, wife of Frank Martin  
on the 7 day of February, 1902; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Clara E Martin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Lula Martin  
Addie M MartinParmelia Rowe  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11 day of June1902Louis T Brown

NOTARY PUBLIC.













Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 6th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Augustus Buffington for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen. He being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Augustus Buffington.  
Q How old are you? A. 79 some odd.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Who do you apply for besides yourself? A. My wife.  
Q What is your wife's name? A. Mary.  
Q How old is she? A. About 65.  
Q Have you and your wife always been recognized as Cherokee Freedmen by the Cherokee authorities? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are your names on the Cherokee rolls? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are they on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 231, No. 599, Gus Buffington, Delaware district.  
Page 231, No. 400, Mary Buffington, Delaware district.

The 1898 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 627, Augustus Buffington, Delaware District. ( No. 3 )  
Page 627, No. 3, Mary Buffington, Delaware district.

- Q Have you and your wife always lived continuously in the Cherokee Nation ever since 1860? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles, The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and his wife Mary, and his name and that of his wife are duly identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1898 according to the page and number of the rolls as indicated in the testimony. They make satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

Chas. von Wehse, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 6th of May, 1901, at Vinita, I. T.

*Chas. von Wehse*

*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 6, 1901Post Office Winton, D.C.District Delaware1. Name Augustus Buffington Age 71+Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship DelYear 1896 Page 231 No. 399 District Del

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Mary Buffington Age 65

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1897 Page 231 No. 407 District Del

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Mr.

Stenographer

Max von Weise1 On 1896 roll as Gus Buffington1 " 1896 " Page 627 \*2 - Del. Dist2 " 1896 " " 627 \*3 - " "





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Q And you know that girl, I suppose, who has married this man, have you?  
A Yes, sir, off and on.  
Q Then this woman, I suppose, who has married this man, have you?  
A Did you know her? A Just when she was a girl.  
Q Yes, sir.

Q Living together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir.

Q James Martin, recalled, testified:  
Q Now you were called by my name except James? A That was  
my name, that was a mistake in calling it James, but it is James.  
Q Now didn't I have my name changed? A No, sir.  
Q The 1880 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and  
the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
James Martin on page 222, No. 1814, Delaware district, as  
James Martin.

Q How many children did Jack and Nancy have? A I think they  
have got four girls, one is named Alice and Minnie and I think one is  
named Phoebe.  
Q How about Lucy and Iwenia? A That Lucy I think she is dead.  
Q Is Iwenia? A That is my wife's name.  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th of May, 1881.

Commissioner.

REPORT OF THE INTERVIEW,  
 SUBMISSION OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
 WASH. D.C., May 3, 1901.

In the matter of the application of James Martin for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen.

James Martin, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give us your full name? A James Martin.  
 Q How old are you? A 37.  
 Q How is it you want to have enrolled, just yourself? A My wife and our children.  
 Q How many children? A No, sir.  
 Q Just yourself and your wife? A Yes, sir.  
 Q What is your post office? A Foy, Tenn.  
 Q In what District do you live? A Delaware.  
 Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Have you always been a duly recognized Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Had always put on the rolls? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Give me the name of your father? A Wilson Martin.  
 Q He has been dead about three years, hasn't he? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Give me the name of your mother? A Patsey; they called her Harthe, though.  
 Q Give me the name of your wife? A Lubertha Martin.  
 Q How old is your wife? A She is 28 I think.  
 Q When were you and she married? A 1896 I think.  
 Q Have you a certificate of your marriage? A No, sir.  
 Q Were you married by a preacher? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Did you get out a license? A No, sir.  
 Q Just got a preacher to marry you? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Is your wife a recognized Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Always duly enrolled? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Give me the name of her father? A Jack Baldridge.  
 Q Is he alive or dead? A He is alive.  
 Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Nancy Baldridge.  
 Q Is she alive or dead? A She is dead.  
 Q How long has she been dead? A Why I don't know, sir.  
 Q At least he five or six years? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Was there here some who knows that you and your wife were married; call up a witness. A Tom McHair, sitting over there, and Mr. Beck knows.

Tom Beck, being duly sworn by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give us your full name? A Tom Beck.  
 Q How old are you? A I am along about 50.  
 Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
 Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have lived here pretty near all my life.  
 Q Do you know this man here, Thomas James Martin? A Yes, sir, ever since he was a boy.  
 Q Do you know his wife? A Yes, sir, I know her.  
 Q What is her name? A I just can't call her name.  
 Q Did you know her father? A Yes, sir.  
 Q What is his name? A Baldridge.  
 Q Jack Baldridge? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Did you know her mother? A Yes, sir.  
 Q What was her name? A I just can't remember the name.  
 Q Was it Nancy? A Yes, sir, that is the name.  
 Q Is this man's wife named Lubertha? A Yes, sir, that is right.  
 Q How long have you known this man's wife? A Just since they were wedded, in passing, is about all.  
 Q You have known her and her family then a great many years? A Well not so very long, but I knowed them since they were married.  
 Q Did you know Jack Baldridge, whose daughter married this man?



- Q Yes, sir.
- Q Did you know Maude? A Just when she was a girl.
- Q Then this woman Maude, who has married this man, have you known her ever since she was a child? A Yes, sir, off and on.
- Q And you know that Maude girl Maude is now the wife of this man James Martin? A Yes, sir.
- Q Living together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir.

James Martin, recalled, testified:

- Q Were you ever called by any named Maude, James? A That was my name, they made a mistake in calling it Maude, but it is James.
- Q You didn't have any sister named Maude? A No, sir.
- The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
James Martin on page 383, No. 1814, Delaware district, as Jimmie Martin.
- Q How many children did Jack and Nancy have? A I think they have got four girls, one is named Eliza and Annie and I think one is named Fannie.
- Q How about Lucy and Luvenia? A That Lucy I think she is dead.
- Q Is Luvenia? A That is my wife's name.
- Robert Martin on page 381, No. 181, Delaware district, as Luvenia Martin.
- The 1880 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
James Martin on page 384, No. 87, Delaware district.  
Maude Martin on page 654, No. 99, Delaware district, as Maude Martin.
- Q Did you say that your wife has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner. The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and his wife. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. His variation of name on the roll of 1880 is explained in a satisfactory manner. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. Her variations of name are explained in a satisfactory manner. Her change of name arising from marriage is established by the testimony of the applicant and other satisfactory testimony. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 6th of May, 1901.

*Commissioner*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN



MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 6, 1901

Post Office

Kitchum, Del.

District

Delaware

1. Name

James Martin

Age

27

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

1614

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Wilson Martin - dead

Citizenship

Colored

Mother

Sally

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Leah Martin

Age

23

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

391

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Jack Baldridge - living

Citizenship

Colored

Mother

Mancy

"

dead

Citizenship

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Names of Children:

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Application made by

No 1

Stenographer

B.C. Jones

No 1 on 1880 roll as Jennie Martin  
 No 1 on 1896 roll Page 234 No 87, Delaware Dist  
 No 2 on 1880 roll as Lurana Baldridge  
 No 2 on 1896 roll Page 234 No 88, Lurana Martin, Del Dist



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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Wittes, J. B. May 2nd 1901.

In the matter of the application of Columbus McKain for the enrollment of himself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn by Commissioner F. B. Hadden, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Columbus McKain.  
Q How old are you? A. 51.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Wittes.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other tribe? A. No sir.  
Q And do you desire to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Yes child and my wife.  
Q What is your wife's name? A. Chaimney.  
Q How old is she? A. About 45 or 44.  
Q Is she your first wife? A. No sir.  
Q When did you marry her? A. I can't tell exactly what year it was.  
Q About what year? A. Think it was the year that Mr. Wallace made the census.  
Q Have you always been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee Roll? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's father's name? A. Ben Drew.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A. I don't know that.  
Q Is her mother living? A. No sir.  
Q What was your wife's name when you married her? A. Chaimney Hadden.  
Q Has she been married before? A. No sir that was her first owners name.  
Q What is the name of your child? A. Morris.  
Q How old is he? A. Approximately 15 years old.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 147, No. 2971, Columbus McKain, Oconee County District.

- Q Is your wife a citizen? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is she on the roll of 1880? A. No sir.  
Q The roll she belong to when war the war broke out? A. Yes. Adair.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q Where was your wife in the time of the war? A. Kansas.  
Q When did she come back to the Cherokee Nation? A. I cannot tell you.  
Q You will have to have witnesses to prove that she was her in time to be entitled to enrollment? A. Well I am going to prove it, I guess I can't apply for her now then.  
Q So you don't apply for your wife at this time? A. No sir.  
Q Did you draw strip money? A. Yes sir.  
Q Where were you in 1880? A. At Fort Smith attending court.

The 1880 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Kame-Chatta roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 118 No. 2908, Columbus McKain, Delaware District.

- Q Who was the mother of this boy Morris? A. Gena Bowling, she is dead.  
Q She was a widow when I married her?  
Q Is he your child? A. Yes sir.  
Q And he always gone by the name of McKain? A. Yes sir. His mother was named Adams when I married her, she was a widow.

Kame-Chatta roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 35, No. 243, Morris Adams, Delaware District.

- Q Is Gena your present wife's name? A. No sir she is my first wife's name.  
Q How many you have lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A. Yes sir.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 6, 1901

Post Office Winters, Ky.

District Belmont

1. Name Columbus Mc Nair Age 51

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 147 No. 2121 District Box

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife ~~Chas. Adams~~ Age ~~44~~

Owner's name Chas. Adams Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father Bot. Jew Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2	<u>Morris Mc Nair</u>	Year <u>1880</u>	Page <u>29</u>	No. <u>567</u>	Dist. <u>Del.</u>	<u>13</u>
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Application made by Mr. 1

Stenographer Chas. von Meise

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2 " " " " as Morris Adams

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20540

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Colinette McFair et al. as Cherokee Freedmen

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT

An examination of the 1880 authenticated tribal roll of the  
Cherokee Nation shows that the mother of Morris McFair is identified  
thereon at page 416, 418, Delaware District, as Cara Adam.

It is ordered that copies of this statement be filed with  
and made a part of the record in this case.

  
Commissioner





George Washington  
1797-1800  
President of the United States

Q. Now, if you have any other children, I want to know about them.  
A. I have one other child, a son, named George Washington, born in 1801.  
Q. How old is he now?  
A. He is now 18 years old.  
Q. Where does he live?  
A. He lives in the same place as I do.  
Q. How do you like him?  
A. I like him very much.  
Q. How do you like your life?  
A. I like my life very much.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wash., D.C., May 6, 1901.

In the matter of the application of George West Vann for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
George West Vann, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Bruce C. Jones, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A George Vann.  
Q What is it you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q How old are you? A Well, I must be about 51 or 52. I was 150 years old in 1880.  
Q What is your best address? A Muskogah.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee district.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A Well, no, sir.  
Q Well, where have you lived? A I went in Kansas I think in 1863 and came back in 1868.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life with that exception? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you a middle name? A Well, George W for West.  
Q Have you always been duly recognized and enrolled as a Cherokee freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A My father's name was William Vann.  
Q Is he dead? A No, sir, he is living.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Caroline Vann.  
Q Is your mother dead? A She is dead.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A My mother died in 1865.  
Q How have no wife or children that you want to apply for? A No, sir, I haven't got but one boy and he is grown; I haven't got no wife.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 192, No. 5040, Cooweescoowee district, as George Vann.  
The 1880 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 425, No. 690, Cooweescoowee district, as George Vann.  
Q You were enrolled with your wife Susan in 1880 were you?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q And she is dead? A She is dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She died in 1883.

Commissioner: The applicant is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1886 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life except an absence from 1863 to 1868 in Kansas. He will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 6th of May, 1901.

*A. M. ...*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 16, 1901  
 Post Office Chenapah, D.C.  
 District Xochiscowee

1. Name George West Vann Age 51

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 198 No. 3040 District Xoch

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father William Vann living \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship Redned

Mother Caroline " dead \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by \_\_\_\_\_ Stenographer B.C. Jones

On 1880 roll go George Vann  
 On 1896 roll Page 425 No 690, George Vann, Cor. Dist

Judge: Please put down full name, George West Vann





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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., April 28th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Allen Lynch for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn by Commissioner I. T. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Allen Lynch.  
Q How old are you? A. 31.  
Q What is your post office? A. Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman by the Cherokee authorities? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Freedman of any other tribe? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q For whom do you apply besides yourself? A. Just myself, my family is all Cherokee.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 280 No. 1880, Allen Lynch, Delaware district.  
Page 658, No. 71, Allen Lynch, Delaware district, ("1880 roll").

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Been living here ever since the roll of 1880 was made have you? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles,--

Allen Lynch applies for the enrollment of himself. His name is identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1890; he makes satisfactory proof as to his residence and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 6th of May, 1901 at Vinita I. T.

*Chas von Weise*  
*I. T. Needles*  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 6, 1901

Post Office

Vinita, Dk.

District

Delaware

1. Name

Allen Lynch

Age

61

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

1537

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

M. I.

Stenographer

Chas. J. Miller

M. I. On 1896 roll, Page 632 \* 71 - Del. Dist.



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Kittie Nelson on Karna-Ottion roll, page 184, No. 2082,  
and the same name was never married to you? A No, sir.  
Were you ever married except to this wife? A No, sir, never  
before, draw for her.  
Did you draw strip money for your child Mabel? A No, sir, I  
remembered Nelson on page 21, No. 619, Saline district.  
Stephen Nelson on page 21, No. 618, Saline district.  
Tom Nelson on page 21, No. 617, Saline district, as Thomas Nelson;  
identified person as follows:  
The Karna-Ottion roll, page 184, and the applications  
and you were married with me? A Yes, sir.

for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. When this is done, these children will also be listed  
Commission with proper certificates of birth of each of the two  
are now living, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee  
through neglect, and through no fault of their own. I say  
roll. They appear to have been omitted from the roll of 1880  
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a Cherokee Freedman in her own right.  
Freedman on a doubtful card for the further consideration of  
marriage. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee  
married, and that they have lived together ever since previously  
ago is established by his own and other satisfactory testimony,  
"admitted." Her marriage to the applicant some sixteen years  
the Kerna-Giffon roll indicates that his wife was at one time  
said to have died 18 years ago, identified on the roll of 1880.  
is identified on the Kerna-Giffon roll, but not on the roll  
now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife  
he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will  
ure to be enrolled is due to no fault of his. He testifies that  
states that he gave his name in and it appears that his fail-  
Freedman. He is not identified on the roll of 1880, but he  
the roll of 1880 and on the Kerna-Giffon roll, as a Cherokee  
of himself, his wife and four children. He is identified on  
Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment

True and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th of May, 1901.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Vinita, I. T., May 9, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Tom Eaton for the admission of himself, wife and four children as Cherokee Freedmen.  
Tom Eaton, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Tom Eaton.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just me and my children.  
Q How many children? A I have got four.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know my age just exactly, I am about 35 I guess.  
Q What is your post office? A Spavinaw.  
Q In what district do you live? A Saline district.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always been a duly recognized and enrolled Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A My father's name was Phil Barker.  
Q You didn't take your father's name? A No, sir.  
Q How did you happen to take the name of Eaton? A My owners was Eaton.  
Q Is your father dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has your father been dead? A I don't know just exactly how long he has been dead.  
Q Did he die when you were a child? A I was took away south and he went north, he belonged to the white folks.  
Q He died then away back towards the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q So we will not find him on any of the rolls? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Rachel Eaton.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead, oh been twenty years I guess.  
Q Now give me the names of your children? A Stephen Eaton.  
Q What is the oldest child? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is that child? A 14 years old.  
Q Now give me the name of the next child? A The next child is Alice, she is dead.  
Q Well, we will not count her; the next one?  
A The next one is Johanna, she is living.  
Q How old is Johanna? A She is 8 years old.  
Q Now the next child? A Mina.  
Q How old is Mina? A She is 6.  
Q The next child? A Phil.  
Q How old is that child? A He is 4.  
Q That is all? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is their mother dead? A No, sir, she isn't dead.  
Q Why do you not apply for her? A She is not on the same roll that I am on.  
Q She does not claim to be a Cherokee Freedman of her own right?  
A Oh yes, sir.  
Q Are you living with her? A Yes, sir.  
Q Why don't you apply for her? A Her brother always fixed her business up.  
Q You have got charge of her now; you are married now. A Yes, sir.  
Q You had better apply for her. Give me the name of your wife?  
A Mattie Eaton.  
Q How old is your wife? A She is about 35.  
Q Do you say she is a Cherokee Freedman of her own right?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q When did you and her marry? A We have been married about 20 years I think.  
Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Yes, sir, all the time.

Tom Eaton - 2.

- Q Had she always been a duly recognized and enrolled Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir, she has always been here.
- Q She has always been admitted to the rolls? A Yes, sir.
- Q Give me the name of her father? A Her father's name is Steve Lynch.
- Q Is he dead or alive? A He is dead.
- Q How long has he been dead? A I expect he has been dead about 25 years I guess, or 20 years, as near as I can guess.
- Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Peggy Lynch.
- Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir, she is dead.
- Q How long has she been dead? A Well, she has been dead about 15 years I think.
- Q Have you some body here who knows that you and your wife are living together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir, Al Lynch.

Allen Lynch, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Allen Lynch.
- Q How old are you? A 41 years old.
- Q What is your post office? A Vinita.
- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.
- Q Do you know the applicant here, Tom Eaton? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you know his wife? A Yes, sir.
- Q What was her name before she married this man? A Nettie Lynch I suppose it was, or Nettie Henry; her father belonged to Joe Lynch, the man I belonged to.
- Q Was she kin to you? A No, sir.
- Q But you know her? A Yes, sir, I knew her.
- Q Have you known her all her life? A Yes, sir, lived right by her.
- Q You know she and this man are living together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir.
- Q How many children have they? A I can't tell you that.
- Q Have they got as many as four children? A Well, sir, I don't believe I have seen over two or three of them; they live about ten miles from me.
- Q You haven't exactly kept the run of his family? A No, sir.
- Q Was his wife ever married except to this man? A No, sir.
- Q Did you ever hear of his being married except to this woman? A No, sir.
- Q Have they lived together ever since their marriage? A To the best of my knowledge.
- Q How about how long since that marriage, as near as you can come? A They have been married fifteen or sixteen or seventeen years, I don't know how long.

Tom Eaton, recalled, testified:

- Q Did you have any brothers and sisters in 1880 enrolled with you? A No, sir, I had a brother named Ev, but he was to himself.
- The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Tom Eaton identified thereon, page 630, No. 260, Saline district, as Thomas Eaton.
- Q Was your wife called Nettie Henry as well as Nettie Lynch? A Yes, sir, Henry as well as Lynch.
- The applicant, Nettie Eaton, not on 1880 roll.
- Q Who was your wife with in 1880, did she have any brothers or sisters? A Jess Vann was her brother.
- Q How could she be named Lynch or Henry and her brother named Vann, and she never married except to you? A His owners was a Vann; this George Vann enballed here a while ago was his brother.
- Q Could she have been enrolled as a Vann? A No, sir, they were by different fathers as near as I know about it.
- Q Is there any other name except Lynch you can suggest for her her mother? A They might have enrolled her as Peggy Henry.
- The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the parents of applicant, Nettie Eaton, not found thereon.
- The 1880 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and none of the applicants identified thereon.

Tom Eaton - E.

- Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money? A Yes, sir.  
The Kerns-Clifton roll was examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Tom Eaton on page 21, No. 217, Saline district, as Thomas Eaton;  
Stephen Eaton on page 21, No. 218, Saline district;  
Johnanna Eaton on page 21, No. 219, Saline district.
- Q Did you draw strip money for your child Mina? A No, sir, I didn't draw for her.
- Q Were you ever married except to this wife? A No, sir, never was.
- Q Was she ever married except to you? A No, sir.
- Q Did your wife draw Cherokee strip money? A Yes, sir.  
Nettie Eaton on Kerns-Clifton roll, page 124, No. 3098, Saline district; in column, "Cherokee authenticated roll No." Nettie Eaton, No. 25, "admitted;" approved Wallace roll No. 3252; Clifton approved roll No. 3080; Office No. 3099.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and four children. He is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns-Clifton roll, as a Cherokee Freedman. He is not identified on the roll of 1896, but he states that he gave his name in and it appears that his failure to be enrolled is due to no fault of his. He testifies that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is identified on the Kerns-Clifton roll, but not on the roll of 1896 or upon that of 1880. Neither is her mother, who is said to have died 18 years ago, identified on the roll of 1880. The Kerns-Clifton roll indicates that his wife was at one time "admitted." Her marriage to the applicant some sixteen years ago is established by his own and other satisfactory testimony, and it also appears that neither he nor his wife were previously married, and that they have lived together ever since their marriage. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card for the further consideration of her rights, both as an intermarried Cherokee Freedman and as a Cherokee Freedman in her own right.

Of the four children named in the application, the two older, Stephen and Johnanna, are identified on the Kerns-Clifton roll. They appear to have been omitted from the roll of 1896 through neglect, and through no fault of their own. They are now living, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedmen. The applicant is desired to supply the Commission with proper certificates of birth of the two younger children, Mina and Phil Eaton, who are not upon any roll. When this is done, these children will also be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 6th of May, 1901.

*Chas. H. Jones*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 6, 1901  
 Post Office Lawrence, D.C.  
 District Saline

1. Name Tom Eaton Age 39

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 630 No. 400 District Saline

Parents:  
 Father Phil Barker Citizenship Colored  
 Mother Rachel Eaton Citizenship "

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

1. <u>Stephen Eaton</u>	Year <u>K.C.</u>	Page <u>91</u>	No. <u>518</u>	Dist. <u>Saline</u>	<u>14</u>
2. <u>William</u>	Year <u>K.C.</u>	Page <u>91</u>	No. <u>519</u>	Dist. <u>"</u>	<u>8</u>
3. <u>Anna</u>	Year _____	Page _____	No. _____	Dist. _____	<u>6</u>
4. <u>Paul</u>	Year _____	Page _____	No. _____	Dist. _____	<u>4</u>
5. _____	Year _____	Page _____	No. _____	Dist. _____	
6. _____	Year _____	Page _____	No. _____	Dist. _____	
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11. _____	Year _____	Page _____	No. _____	Dist. _____	
12. _____	Year _____	Page _____	No. _____	Dist. _____	

Application made by Mr. 1 Stenographer B.C. Jones  
No 1 on 1880 roll as Thomas Eaton  
No 1 on K.C. roll Page 91 No 519, Thomas Eaton, Saline Dist

No hands. Birth certificates required

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Nina Eaton*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

MAY 10 1901

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Nira Eaton, born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 1895  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Tom Eaton, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Nettie Eaton, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Spanaway Id.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Nettie Eaton, on oath state that I am 35  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Tom Eaton, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 1895; that said child has been  
named Nira Eaton, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Wm Buffington  
Geo Bailey

Nettie Eaton  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE. Witnesses.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

The whereabouts of midwife is not known.

I, Jesse Vann, a witness, on oath state that I  
was present when child was born to Mrs. Nettie Eaton wife of Tom Eaton  
on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 1895; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Nira Eaton.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Wm Buffington  
Geo Bailey

Jesse Vann  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

**INFANT CHILD**

*Phil Eaton*

as a citizen of

*Schumkee*

Nation.

Approved, *May 6*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Phil Eaton, born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1877.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Tom Eaton, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Nettie Eaton, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Spartanaw I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Nettie Eaton, on oath state that I am Thirty Six  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Tom. Eaton, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1877; that said child has been  
named Phil Eaton, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Link Lynch.  
Geo Bailey

Nettie<sup>her</sup> Eaton  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

G. F. Baile  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Caroline Landrum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Nett. Eaton, wife of Tom. Eaton,  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1877; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Phil Eaton.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Link Lynch  
Geo Bailey

Caroline<sup>her</sup> Landrum  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

G. F. Baile  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Com. Exp. April 15-1903.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, S. T., March 30, 1903.

In the matter of the application of TOM RAYON, for the enrollment of himself and his children STEPHEN, JOSEPHINA, NINA and PHIL RAYON, as Cherokee Freedmen:

TOM RAYON, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Tom Rayon, is my name.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly, about forty I guess.  
Q What is your post office? A Spavinaw.  
Q You are a Cherokee Freedman are you? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Nettie Rayon.  
Q She is claiming to be a Cherokee Freedman also is she?  
A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married to her? A I don't know just exactly but I have got the date at home that we was married.  
Q About seventeen years ago was it? A Oh its been about seventeen years ago, I have got a boy sixteen.  
Q Have you any marriage certificate?  
A No sir, just married by a preacher.  
Q What is his name? A Tom Mayfield.  
Q Did you have any license? A No sir, wasn't no license then, we just went and married.  
Q Have you and Nettie been living together ever since you were married? A Yes sir.  
Q How many children have you by Nettie? A Why two, that is to say we have four children now, we had five, and one died.  
Q Stephen, Johnanna, Nina and Phil? A Yes sir.  
Q These are your four children by your wife Nettie?  
A Yes sir.  
Q They are all living at home are they? A Yes sir.  
Q You have lived in the Cherokee Nation have you ever since 1880?  
A Yes sir, all my life; don't know nothin' else.

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E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. C. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 16, 1903.

*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.





I. J.  
deposited and sworn to before me this 25th of May, 1867 at Alton,

*(Signature)*

transcript of his stenographic notes therein.  
In the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct  
copy of the five original papers he referred to will all the proceedings  
open, and hence, being sworn states that an endorsement to the Comma-

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will now be stated for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
Identified under his name and with his children in 1880, the  
fact in the affidavit was remembered, all of her life, and being  
in 1880 and 1886, and having lived in the Cherokee Nation, so  
freedman. His wife himself, being only identified on the rolls  
freedman and he will now be stated for enrollment as a Cherokee  
to the status of the affidavit as a duly recognized Cherokee  
1880, and the Cherokee representative present taken no exception  
his mother, wife and children are identified on the roll of  
to the Cherokee Nation immediately upon the close of hostilities  
he was in Kansas a while during the Civil War, but returned  
with the exception of his brief term of imprisonment, and that  
has lived in the Cherokee Nation as her brother, and that  
states nothing for himself relating to what he has seen or  
having been convicted at Fort Smith, Kansas in the United  
States in Detroit, Michigan, which term was for 18 months, he  
but states that because of that time serving a term of imprison-  
ment. He is now identified on the roll of 1880, as a  
Cherokee Freedman. He is identified on the roll of 1880, as a  
brother and his wife. He is identified on the roll of 1880, as a  
The following applies for the enrollment of him-

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of have you been here ever  
before.

of when did you come back to the  
of where were you when the

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COMMISSION TO THE FREE CIVILIZATION  
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Department of the Interior  
Confined to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Winnia, I. T. May, 4th, 1901

In the matter of the application of Arch Landrum for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn by Commissioner H. H. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Arch Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A. About 70.  
Q Do you desire to enroll for himself and wife?  
Q What is your post office? A. Redbank, I. T.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Delaware.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. I have lived here as long as I can recollect.  
Q Have you always been a recognized freeman of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you always been admitted to the roll? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Jesse Ratliff.  
Q He is dead is he? A. Yes sir.  
Q Been dead very many years has he? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did he die since the war? A. Yes sir.  
Q But he died more than 20 years ago? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Winnie Ratliff.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. 10 years.  
Q What is your wife's name? A. Winnie Landrum.  
Q How old is she? A. About the same age as me.  
Q How long have you and she been married? A. Way before the war.  
Q Is she with you on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life as far as you know?  
A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife identified there on as follows: Page 272, No. 1292, Winnie Landrum, Delaware dist.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name not found thereon.

The 1890 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 422, No. 24, Arch Landrum, Delaware district.  
Page 418, No. 95, Winnie Landrum, Delaware district.

- Q Were you called by any other name than Landrum? A. That only.  
Q Where were you in 1860? A. I was in Detroit, in the pen.  
Q When were you convicted and sent to prison? A. I don't know.  
Q How long did you stay there? A. 12 months.  
Q Where you convicted from? A. Fort Smith.  
Q In the United States Court? A. Yes sir.  
Q You say that you don't know just when it was? A. No sir, but it was while that roll was made, for when I got back they had done made it.  
Q What were you convicted of? A. Whiskey.  
Q Whiskey selling? A. Yes sir.

The 1890 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's two sons who are now of age, identified thereon as follows:

Page 272, No. 1293, Spence Landrum, Delaware district.  
Page 276, No. 1294, Samuel Landrum, Delaware district.

- Q They are both your boys are they? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are they both alive now? A. Sam is dead, Spence is living.

The 1890 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's mother identified thereon as follows:  
Page 508, No. 2133, Winnie Ratcliffe, Delaware district.

Arch Leland

Q Where were you when the war closed? A In Kansas.  
Q When did you come back from Kansas? A I got home before it was good  
peace.  
Q Have you been here ever since? A Yes sir.

By Sam's Breckinridge

The applicant applies for the enrollment of him-  
self and his wife. He is identified on the roll of 1880 as a  
Cherokee Freedman. He is not identified on the roll of 1880, but  
states that he was at that time serving a term of imprison-  
ment in Detroit, Michigan, which term was for 18 months, he  
having been convicted at Fort Smith Arkansas in the United  
States Court for illegal selling of whiskey. He states that he  
has lived in the Cherokee Nation as far back as he can remember  
with the exception of his brief term of imprisonment, and that  
he was in Kansas a while during the Civil War, but returned  
to the Cherokee Nation immediately upon the close of hostilities.  
His mother, wife and children are identified on the roll of  
1880, and the Cherokee representative present takes no exception  
to the status of the applicant as a duly recognized Cherokee  
Freedman and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee  
Freedman. His wife Winnie, being duly identified on the rolls  
of 1880 and 1886, and having lived in the Cherokee Nation, so  
far as the applicant can remember, all of her life, and being  
identified under his name and with her children in 1880, she  
will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commis-  
sion to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings  
in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct  
transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 8th of May, 1901 at Vinita,  
I. T.

*A. H. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.



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**ACTING CHAIRMAN**



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

May 6<sup>th</sup> 1901

Post Office

Ketchum, Id.

District

Delaware

1. Name

Arch Landrum

Age

78

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1896

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No.

84

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Jas Rathoff - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Minnie - dead

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Minnie Landrum

Age

71

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1890

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No.

1493

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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4.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
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Application made by

Ms. 1

Stenographer

Chas. von Weise

2 On 1896 roll P. 632 - # 85 - Del. Dist.



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, N. T., March 9, 1903.

In the matter of the application of ARCH LANDRUM, for the enrollment of himself and his wife MINNIE LANDRUM, as Cherokee Freedmen:

Appearances:

Applicant present in person;  
J. C. Starr, for the Cherokee Nation.

ARCH LANDRUM, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

- Q State your name? A Arch Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A Why I guess I am about sixty.  
Q You remain sixty? You are more than sixty?  
A Well maybe I am, I don't know my age.  
Q You are over seventy ain't you? A I might be, I don't know my age.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum.  
Q You are claiming as a Cherokee Freedman, are you?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You are not on the roll of 1880? A No, my name's on the straight roll.  
Q Were you a slave before the war? A Yes sir.  
Q Who did you belong to? A To a man named Jim Landrum.  
Q Was he a Cherokee citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Where did he live? A Up on Spavinaw, east of here.  
Q Well now, were you his slave at the breaking out of the war?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Did you go out of the Cherokee Nation during the war?  
A Yes sir I went to Kansas.  
Q That was during the war? A Yes sir.  
Q How long did you live up there in Kansas?  
A I stayed up there until the breaking up. I got back here before the time. I got back here before the time of limit. I was about the first one that come back; I come back before the time of limit.  
Q Do you remember what year it was? A Why it was before; I don't know just what year it was, but I know I come back before the time was limited for us to get back.  
Q How did you know there was any time limit?  
A I knowed it because they told me it was.  
Q Somebody told you that you had to get back by a certain time?  
A Yes sir, I heard it up in Kansas.  
Q It was rumored around there that you had to get back to the Cherokee Nation in a certain time? A Yes sir.  
Q You come back did you? A Yes sir, I come back and brought all my folks back.  
Q Your family? A Yes sir.  
Q You were married then? A Yes sir.  
Q What time of year was it that you got back?  
A I believe it was getting along towards, it was kinder towards spring I think, as well as I can remember.  
Q In the early part of the year? A Yes sir.  
Q Spring had come opened up had it? A No sir.  
Q Still cold weather? A Tolerable cold, yes sir.  
Q Where did you go to in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Come right down here close to where I am living now on Grand river

Q Didn't go to your old master's place did you ?  
A No sir, I stopped there on the river, he wasn't at home there.  
Q What river ? A Grand River, right close to where I am living now, stopped with a man named Jess Cochran.  
Q What was your wife's name ? A Winnie.  
Q What was her name before you married her ?  
A Why she belonged to Landrum too.  
Q You came back with her ? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you have some children then ? A Yes sir.  
Q What were their names ? A There aint but two of them living now, had a step-son and got another boy named Spencer Landrum.  
Q Did he come back with you at that time ? A Yes sir, and my step-son did too.  
Q Were there just you and your family, or were there some others ?  
A Me and my family and another boy that stays here in town now.  
Q How did you come back ? A In Wagons.  
Q Did you come back to make your home in the Cherokee Nation then ?  
A Yes sir, I come back and made my home here and been making it here.  
Q You came back because you were told that you had to get back in a certain time in order to get rights here ? A Yes sir.  
Q Is that the reason ? A Yes sir.  
Q What did you do first ? A I come back and got in with old man Jess Cochran and made a little crop.  
Q He was living there then was he ? A Yes sir, on Johnson Thompson's place.  
Q You went to work for him ? A I made a little crop and put in a crop of corn.  
Q Have you been living in the Cherokee Nation ever since that time ?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got anybody here that knows that you came back at the sametime you said you did ? A I guess so, they all know, Hoolley Bell knows.  
Q Does Hoolley Bell know ? A Yes sir, and the Thompson boys knows it.  
Q Where do they live ? A They live here in town I think.  
Q How do you know Hoolley Bell knows, did you see him ?  
A No sir, when I come back he wasn't come back himself.  
Q He came back after you did ? A Yes sir I think he did.  
Q How soon after you came back ? A I don't know exactly, but he come back soon after I did.  
Q The same year ? A I think so.  
Q Where had he gone, south ? A Yes sir.  
Q Where was he living at that time ? A He was living, before he went off, I think he was living down here on Cabin Creek.  
Q You say you and your wife Winnie came back together ?  
A Yes sir.  
Q And have been living together ever since ? A Yes sir.  
Q All the time ? A Yes sir, been living together all the time.  
Q Now comes it she is on the 1880 roll and you are not on that roll ? A Well because I wasn't here when they took the census when they took the 1880 roll, I wasn't at home.  
Q Where were you ? A I was at Detroit; I got into a little trouble and they sent me there.  
Q How long were you there ? A Eighteen months I think.  
Q That was at the time they took the 1880 census ?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Are your children on the roll of 1880, Spencer ?  
A Spencer is on the 1880 roll.



Examined by J. C. Starr:

Q Where did you stay in Kansas during the war?

A I stayed up about Humbolt, Kansas, and Iola.

Q How much of the time did you stay in Humbolt; what part of the time did you stay there in Humbolt? A Why I don't know; I just stayed around there as long as I stayed in Kansas. I stayed there a while and then went up to Leroy.

Q Did you start from Leroy when you started for the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir I started from Leroy.

Q Leroy was the last place you lived at in Kansas?

A Yes sir.

Q Who did you come back with? A I come back with this here Jim Landrum, a colored man that lives here in town.

Q Anybody else along? A I believe since Lynch come down with us.

Q Any one else? A No, I don't know, that's all I can recollect that come along with us, there was two wagons.

Q Did you come before Reuben Sanders and that crowd come or afterwards? A Oh yes I was here before that.

Q How long before? A I don't just know how long before. Well we was to be back here in 1886.

Q Yes. A Well, I was back here before that a good while.

Q Do you know whether Reuben Sanders come, when he come, do you remember the circumstance of Reuben Sanders coming to the Cherokee Nation? A No sir, I don't, but I know I was in here before he was.

Q You say you came to Jess Cochran's on Grand River?

A Yes sir.

Q Is that the same Jess Cochran that lives there now?

A No sir, his father.

E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 11, 1903.

Samuel Foreman

Notary Public.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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CHAIRMAN

Application No. ....

DUPLICATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
CHEROKEE ENROLLMENT OFFICE.

Vinita, I. T. T., MAR 7- 1903 A. D. 190

To the Clerk in charge of the Cherokee Land Office:

This is to certify that the names of the following persons

ROLL  
NUMBER

CARD  
NUMBER

NAME

RELATIONSHIP  
TO PERSON  
FIRST NAMED

AGE

8. 1743 8. 702 ✓ Winnie Sandrum

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Represented by Arch Sandrum, Husband

Freedman

All appear upon the records of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHAIRMAN

Chairman.

Clerk in Charge.

Cherokee Freedmen #702

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER., MAY 21, 1903.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Arch Landrum et al. as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT.

From an examination of the Cherokee census roll of 1867,  
made under authority of article twelve, section one, of the treaty of  
1866, it appears that the applicant, Arch Landrum, is identified  
thereon at page 167, Delaware District.

It is ordered that this statement be filed with and made a  
part of the record herein.

  
Commissioner

Cherokee Freedmen #702.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of Arch Landrum for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

The record in this case shows that on May 6, 1901, Arch Landrum appeared before the Commission at Vinita, Indian Territory, and made personal application for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The application also included his wife, Winnie Landrum, but she is not embraced in this decision her name being upon a partial roll of Cherokee Freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 16, 1903, at No. 1743. Further proceedings in the matter of said application were had at Vinita, Indian Territory, on March 7, 1903.

The evidence shows that the applicant, Arch Landrum, was the slave of a Cherokee citizen at the commencement of the rebellion; that he left the Cherokee Nation during the rebellion but returned and established his residence therein within the time specified, in the decree of the Court of Claims rendered on February 3, 1896, in the case of Moses Whitmire, trustee, etc., vs. The Cherokee Nation, et al., for the return of Freedmen to the Cherokee Nation.

The evidence further shows that he has resided continuously in said Nation since the date of his return as aforesaid.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Arch Landrum should be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman, in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the Act of Congress, approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
Chairman.

  
Commissioner.

  
Commissioner.

  
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

this MAR 5 1904

Cherokee Freedmen  
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Washago, Indian Territory, March 12, 1904.

W. F. Hastings,

Attorney for the Cherokee Nation,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated March 2, 1904, granting the application of Arch Landrum for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

You are advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date hereof within which to file such protest as you may desire to make against the action of the commission in this case. If you fail to make protest within the time allowed this decision will be considered final.

Respectfully,

Encl. 7-10

Commissioner in Charge.



Cherokee Freedman  
#702.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 5, 1904.

Arch Landrum,

Ketchum, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith enclosed a copy of the decision of the  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated March 5, 1904,  
granting your application for the enrollment of yourself as a  
Cherokee freedman.

Respectfully,

Register

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Commissioner in Charge.



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 6, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Peter Williams for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he came before me by Commissioner O. F. Breckinridge, identified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Peter Williams.  
Q What do you want to do? A I want to be enrolled.  
Q How old are you? A I am 40 years old.  
Q Well, as near as you can, how old were you 20 years ago?  
Q What is your past office? A I was a slave.  
Q In what district do you live? A I live in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Very near all my life.  
Q Have you lived here ever since the war between the North and the South?  
A I lived here before the war.  
Q Were you a slave in the old times? A Yes sir.  
Q To whom did you belong? A Will Williams.  
Q Have you always been a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q And put on the rolls? A Yes sir, I am on all the rolls.  
Q Is your wife dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Some where about 8 years.  
Q What was her name? A Judie Looney, was her name before I married her.  
Q How old was she when she died? A It had been said that she was 110 years old.  
Q How long had you and she been married? A I can't tell exactly, a good many years though.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 305, No. 521, Peter Williams, Coowescoowee district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not identified thereon.

The Kerne Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant was identified thereon as follows:  
Page 11, No. 209, Peter Williams, Coowescoowee district.

- Q Have you never lived anywhere else since the war except the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.

By Com'r Breckinridge-

The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and the Kerne-Clifton roll as a Cherokee Freedman. He stated that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation since many years before the war and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Charon W. Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*Commissioner*

Commissioner.



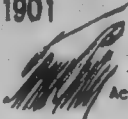
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 6, 1901

Ginita, D.

Delaware

1. Name

Peter Williams

Age

75 or 80

Owner's name

Mrs. Williams

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

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District

Doo

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

M. I.

Stenographer

Chas. W. Wise

1. On 15 and Groll 11 #269 - Commissioner



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Alfred, I.E.,  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May 1901, at

and correct transcript of, is attached to notes hereto.  
Proceedings in the above case and put the foregoing is a full and  
Commissioner to the New Civilizing Union reported in full to the  
Chief. And We have heard and stated that a statement to the

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Q You were never married except to O Alfred Roe, A That is right.  
A No sir.

Q You say some children born to you, I love you and he were married?  
A In England, I am afraid.

Q You have some children then that are not of O Alfred, A No sir.

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Alfred, A I don't know.

Before Betty was--was first to marry to two years between them.

Q Do you think that the fact that one was born more than four years

both of them that when they were born, then Betty, A Yes sir, no

was there more than one child, then Betty, A Yes sir, no

Q How much of her is the child, then Betty, A I don't know exactly.

Q Did you have a child of her, then Betty, A Yes sir.

Roe No. 2

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE PUBLIC

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission on the Civil War Claims,  
April 1, 1905.

In the matter of the Application of Rose Roe for the enrollment of herself, husband and three children as Cherokee Freedmen. She being duly sworn by Commissioner C. C. Brockington, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Rose Roe.  
Q What do you want to have enrolled? A Myself and children.  
Q How many children have you? A Three, that is under age.  
Q Have you a husband? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Why don't you apply for him then? A He is not here.  
Q Where is he? A I left him at home with the children.  
Q Well you apply for him also? A Yes sir.  
Q How old are you? A About 47 or 48.  
Q What is your post-office? A Ketchikan.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always been admitted to the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A He was a Cherokee named John Wildcat.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I don't know.  
Q Over 20 years? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Judie Looney.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A About three years.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Jesse Roe.  
Q How old? A 10.  
Q Next child? A Rutitia.  
Q How old? A 13.  
Q Next child? A Daniel.  
Q How old? A 9.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your husband? A Alex Roe.  
Q How old is he? A I think he is a little younger than I am, about 45.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of his father? A Jesse Roe.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A About 9 years.  
Q Give me the name of your husband's mother? A Sylvia Grimmett.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A About 20 years.  
Q When were you and your husband married? A In June 67.  
Q Have you lived together ever since? A Yes sir.  
Q Has your husband always been admitted to enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your mother Judie Looney, did she ever have any other name besides Looney? A Yes sir, Rutlingwood.  
Q Did she ever have the name of your father, William? A After the war.  
Q When she died was her name William? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you ever enrolled under that name? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Rene Williams, Dawson County District, page 203, No. 3515.  
Judy Williams, Cowles County District, page 803, No. 3312.

- Q Where was your husband in 1880? A In Detroit Michigan in prison.  
Q Where was he sent from? A Fort Smith in the U. S. Court.



House No. 2

- Q How long did he stay in Detroit? A A year and eight months I think.
- Q What was he doing there? A I don't know. He went down there with Arch Landrum and Jack Laridge and I don't know what he was doing for.
- Q Did you draw your husband's share money? A No sir.
- Q Why not? A I don't know.
- Q Did you apply for it? A Yes sir.
- Q Did your husband draw Charles's share money? A No sir.
- Q Did any of your children draw Charles's share money? A No sir.
- Q How old was your husband's father when he died? A I don't know, sir, he was an old man, he came from Georgia with the old settlers.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of Louis Rowe identified on page 303 #2810 in Delaware District.

- Q Was this Louis Rowe your husband's brother? A Half brother, same father and different mother.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of Ben Grinnett identified thereon as follows: page 108 #1214 Ben Grinnett, Coconawatchee District.

- Q Is this Ben Grinnett living? A Yes sir.
- Q Is he a brother of your husband? A A half brother, same mother and different father.
- Q Where was your husband when the war closed between the North and the South? A He was in the Nation, living in Flint.
- Q Got any one here who knows that you and your husband were living together as husband and wife? A Yes sir.

PETER WILLIAMS, called and sworn as a witness testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Peter Williams.
- Q How old are you? A About 75 or 80.
- Q What is your post-office? A Vinita.
- Q Are you the Peter Williams who enrolled just now? A Yes I guess I am.
- Q Are you the father of this woman? A She is my step-daughter.
- Q What is her name at this time? A She has been going by the name of Williams Rose Rattlingbird in her maiden name, and Rose is her right name now.
- Q How long has she been married to this man Roe? A I can't tell you.
- Q A great number of years though? A Yes sir.
- Q Did you have this woman enrolled in your family in 1880? A She is on so many rolls I cannot tell you. I know that her mother had her before I married her and I had her put on as Williams long time ago.
- Q Her husband, Aleck Roe, how long have you known him? A Years before the war.
- Q Was he a slave here? A Yes sir.
- Q To whom did he belong? A Grinnett.
- Q What is his full name? A John Grinnett.
- Q Where was this man Aleck Roe when peace was declared? A I cannot tell you where he was then.
- Q You didn't have the track of him then? A No sir.
- Q Was this man Aleck Roe ever married before he married this woman here? A Never was.
- Q Have you known him ever since he was a child? A Ever since he was a young man.
- Q How old was he when you first knew him? A I cannot tell.
- Q Was he old enough to have been married when you first knew him? A Yes sir I suppose he was.
- Q But you always understood that he had never been married until he married this woman here? A Yes sir.
- Q Was this woman ever married except to this husband? A No sir.
- Q Have they always lived together as husband and wife ever since they were married?



A Ever since.

By the Commission of the Applicant:

Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since you were found in 1880? A Yes sir.

By Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, husband and three children. She is identified on the roll of 1880; she appears to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and no sufficient reason is shown why she is omitted from the Kerna Kerns Clifton roll, or the roll of 1896, upon neither of which rolls has she been found. Her enrollment in 1880 is under the name of her step father; the variation in her name is established in a satisfactory manner by her own and her father's testimony. It appears that she was married as far back as 1867 to her present husband. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her three children named in the testimony are not identified on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation. They are now living and are minors. These children, Jesse, Luitia and Daniel Roe will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, and the applicant is desired to supply the Commission with a certificate of their birth. Her husband is not identified on either the roll of 1880 or the Kerna Clifton roll or the census roll of 1896; it appears that he was in prison in Detroit, Michigan, when the roll of 1880 was made; his half brother through his mother, and whose name is Benjamin Grinnett, is identified on the roll of 1880, and a half brother through his father, whose name is Louis Roe, is also identified on the roll of 1880, but it is not clearly established at present, however, that the applicant's husband qualified under the Treaty of 1866, and for the further consideration of his case he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card.

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ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY.

By Com'r Breckinridge of applicant:

- Q What time in 1867 were you and your husband married? A First part of July, we were going to school together and after school was out we married.
- Q How long did you go to school? A One session.
- Q When did that session begin? A I think it commenced in February and held until the last part of June.
- Q How long did you know your husband before you married him? A I don't know just how long.
- Q About how long? A We was children together.
- Q How old were you when you married? A 19.
- Q How long had you been seeing him in your neighborhood when you married him? A Long in the winter when they came back to where we was living on the river.
- Q That was the February before you were married? A I am not certain. I think it was before.
- Q Where did he come from when he came there? A I don't know, I never asked him, he was with his father.
- Q Where was it that he came to when he met you? A On Grand River.
- Q Near what post office? A There was no post-office there then.
- Q Was it in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Cherokee Representative, L. B. Bell-

- Q How far was it from where the post-office of Ketchum is now?
- A Near where Bob Daniel's is living.
- Q Where was the school that you went to? A I went to school

Jesse Roe

with Aleck Roe at Mrs. Thompson's place and Mrs. Lynch was his teacher; that was the first school that the freedmen had here after the war.

PETER WILLIAMS, recalled & examined by Commissioner Breckinridge:

Q How long have you known this man Aleck Roe? A I don't exactly know.

Q How long since he was a child? A Yes sir.

Q You knew him before the war between the North and the South did you? A Yes sir.

Q Did you know him back in slavery days? A Yes sir.

Q Who is it you say he belonged to? A Bill Grinnett--no John Grinnett.

Q Who did you belong to? A William Williams.

Q Did you know Jesse Roe, the father of Aleck? A Yes sir.

Q Did he belong to the same master that Aleck did? A I don't remember.

Q Where did you first see Aleck after the war--after peace was declared? A I don't want to tell no lies, I won't do it if I know it--I think it was in Flint District.

Q How long before he married your step daughter? A A good while.

Q About how long? A I don't know, can't get at it that way.

Q Was it as much as a year? A Oh yes sir, as much as a year I suppose.

Q Did he move into your neighborhood before he and your daughter were married, or do you remember? No sir I don't know exactly.

Q He and your daughter went to school together didn't they?

A That is what she says.

Q Were you married to this woman's mother at the time this woman and Aleck Roe were married? A I married this woman's mother when her youngest child was a crawling baby.

Q So this woman had a baby before she was married to Roe did she? A No sir my wife had the baby.

Q I am not talking about that--what I want to know is, if you married Rosa's mother before Rosa married Aleck Roe? A Yes sir.

Q Did you marry the mother of Rosa while the war was going on? A Yes sir.

Q Do you remember Aleck Roe going to school with this woman before they were married? A It is all kind of a dream to me, I don't remember it just exactly.

Q Too far back for you to remember? A Yes sir.

Q Do you remember Aleck's people coming into your neighborhood before he and Rosa were married? A No sir I don't remember their coming.

Q Where was Aleck Roe living at the time he married Rosa? A He had been living in Flint, he came down here and they got married.

Q And he had been living just before that in Flint? A Yes sir.

Q Did you see him in Flint? A Yes sir.

Q How far from you was he living when he lived in Flint? A I don't know.

Q Do you remember where he was living in Flint before he married your step daughter? A I cannot tell you that.

Q You just remember that he was living in Flint? A Yes sir.

By Charles E. Representative, W. W. Hastings:

Q Where did you say you saw him in Flint after the war?

A I didn't see him there after the war.

Q It was before the war? A Yes sir.

By W. W. Hastings of applicant:

Q Have you a child that is older than the one you have applied for? A Yes sir, Perry Roe.

Now, how?

A. Did you have a child once?

A. How much older is she?

A. Was there more than one?

A. Both of them? Can they say?

A. Do you think that the first one was born more than 10 years before Perry was? Was there as much as 10 years between births? A. I don't know.

By Commission of applicant:

Q. You have some children that are not by Alack? A. No, sir, all my children is by Alack.

Q. You had some children by him then before you and he were married?

A. No, sir.

Q. You were never married except to Alack Ross? A. That is all.

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Chas. von Meise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas. von Meise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 1901, at  
Winita, I.T.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 6, 1901

Post Office

Ketchum, Id.

District

Bellevue

Name

~~Ally Rowe~~

Age

~~45~~

Owner's name

~~John Bennett~~

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

~~John Rowe - dead~~

Citizenship

Mother

~~Phyllis Bennett - dead~~

Citizenship

Name of wife

Rosa Rowe

Age

47

Owner's name

Rosa Rowe

Citizenship

Year

1890

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No.

3313

District

Cal.

Parents:

Father

John Wildcat - dead

Citizenship

Cherokee

Mother

Judy Williams

Citizenship

Cherokee

Names of Children:

John Rowe

Year

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Lutitia "

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Daniel "

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Application made by

Rosa Rowe

Stenographer

Chas. W. Wense

1 On 1890 poll as Rosie Williams

2, 3 and 4, affidavits of birth to be supplied.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Jesse Rower  
as a citizen of  
CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved.

May 11

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED  
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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Jesse Rowe, born on the 1 day of February, 1882.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Alex Rowe, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Rosa Rowe, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Kitchum, N.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Rosa Rowe, on oath state that I am 47  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Alex Rowe, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 1st day of February, 1882; that said child has been  
named Jesse Rowe, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses) { Dilas Hodrick  
Geo Bailey

Rosa Rowe  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Susan Pee, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Rosa Rowe, wife of Alex Rowe,  
on the 1st day of February, 1882; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Jesse Rowe.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses) { Dilas Hodrick  
Geo Bailey

Susan Pee  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

my born exp - April 18-1903

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lutitia Rower  
as a citizen of  
CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

May 11

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

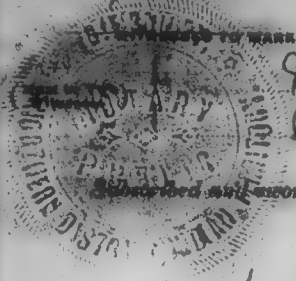
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Lutitia Rowe, born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1886  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Alex Rowe, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Rosa Rowe, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Kitchum, IA

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Rosa Rowe, on oath state that I am 47  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Alex Rowe who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1886, that said child has been  
named Lutitia Rowe, and is now living.



WITNESSES TO MARK:  
W. H. H. H. H.  
W. H. H. H. H.

Rosa Rowe  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.  
G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Susan Pee, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Rosa Rowe, wife of Alex Rowe,  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1886, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Lutitia Rowe.



WITNESSES TO MARK:  
W. H. H. H. H.  
W. H. H. H. H.

Susan Pee  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.  
G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of.

INFANT CHILD

*Daniel Power*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved.

*May 11* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Saml Rour born on the 25 day of March, 1892.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Alex Rour, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Rosa Rour, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Ketchikan, Id.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Rosa Rour, on oath state that I am 47  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of ~~Jesse~~ Alex Rour, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 25th day of March, 1892; that said child has been  
named Saml Rour, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

W. L. Hodrick  
Geo Bailey

Rosa Rour  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Belia Hodrick, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Rosa Rour, wife of ~~Jesse~~ Alex Rour,  
on the 25th day of March, 1892; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Saml Rour.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Belia Hodrick

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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In the matter of the application of persons to the Cherokee Freedmen's Commission.

**SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY**

Luella Lane, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Luella Lane.  
 Q How old are you? A 19.  
 Q What is your present office? A Keokuk.  
 Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes.  
 Q Are you married? A Yes.  
 Q What is the name of your husband? A Irv Lane.  
 Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A No, he is on the doubtful list.  
 Q When were you mutually married? A About a month ago I guess.  
 Q Do you know the day? A No.  
 Q Have you ever married before? A No.  
 Q Are you and he living together now? A No.  
 Q Are you separated? A Yes, but haven't got any divorce.  
 Q Were you married with a license? A Yes.

I, Ray Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

*Ray Hudson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of November, 1904.

*Samuel F. ...*  
 Notary Public



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE NEW CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
AUXILIARY CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Muskogee Indian Territory, May 11, 1903.

In the matter of a discretionary allotment to Daniel Rowe, a minor, Cherokee Freedmen roll No. 1718, Field Card No. 704.

Jesse Rowe, Freedman brother, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Jesse Rowe.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Haynes.  
Q How old are you? A 22.  
Q Are you a freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your object in appearing before the Auxiliary Cherokee Land Office today to select an allotment for your minor brother?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Is his mother living? A No sir.  
Q What was her name? A Beas Rowe.  
Q When did she die? A Died in 1902, 26th of February.  
Q What is your father's name? A Alex Rowe.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your father a citizen? A Yes sir, but is not recognized yet. He is on a doubtful card.  
Q Who is this child living with now? A Ma.  
Q How long has he been living with you? A Why I been taking care of him every since Ma died.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q When did you marry? A Ellen Whitmire.  
Q Is she a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Has any guardian been appointed for this child? A No sir, but my mother appointed me for guardian - that's right.  
Q Has anyone ever been appointed guardian by the courts? A No sir.  
Q Has anyone ever made application to the courts to be appointed of No sir.  
Q Is the land that you desire to have allotted to him under improvement and in cultivation? A No sir. Its public domain.  
Q Is it surplus land? A Yes sir.  
Q Where is it located? A Near Verdigris river.  
Q In what township or about what township? A Near Nowata.  
Q Is it timber land? A Yes sir, bottom land.  
Q Overflow land? A Yes sir, I think in places.  
Q You say there are no improvements at all on it? A No sir.  
Q Is this the first time anyone has appeared before the land office of the Commission and attempted to select and allotment for this child? A Yes sir.  
Q Has this child any property now? A Yes sir.  
Q What is lacking after it? A No.  
Q What has he in the shape of property? A Horses, cattle, hogs.



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- Q How far do you live from this land that you speak of? A I guess about twelve or thirteen miles.  
Q Was there no land around you at all to live on? A Some small pieces of that is what.  
Q Now do you intend to put this land in improvement? A I am going to work right away on it.  
Q Have you already rented it out? A No it has not.

(Witness HUGHES).

Blanche Ashton upon oath stated that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she accurately reported the testimony in the above entitled cases and that the foregoing is a correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Blanche Ashton

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of May, 1905.



Notary Public.





Washington, Indian Territory, August 9, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 31, 1906 (I.T.D. 6100-1906), June 1, 1906 (I.T.D. 6200-1906), October 4, 1906 (I.T.D. 12200-1906), and January 12, 1906 (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 206 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are inclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons. The number of the enrollment card on which they appear is also listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
80	176	John Hiaffer
78	237	Frances E. Hamilton
80	2224	Ellen May Denipha
121	206	Houston L. Jones
121	437	Martin J. Jones
124	446	Hattie Ophelia Baker
127	440	Franklin E. Franier
2421	7079	Anna Mays
2424	7085	Mary W. Dubois

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Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
2029	7093	William L. Rogers
2032	7100	Willie F. Gibson
2031	7220	Louisa F. Cunningham
2031	7044	Bala F. Cunningham
2917	7218	Eveline Lyman
2964	7301	Lennie Murphy
2968	20013	Ollie F. Walton
2997	7467	Minnie E. Vance
3029	7517	Susan E. Payne
3063	7577	Jacob W. Olson
3112	7701	Louis E. Dennis
3160	7016	Imogene Little
3219	7920	Hollisa Chick Hendryx
3224	8172	Rosie J. Hensley
3226	8180	Augustus Nichols
3224	8267	Pauline Washington
3396	8300	Susan D. Blackmore
3403	8316	Nyrtle O. Flint
3411	8334	Jesse E. Glenn
3444	8413	Houla Roseborough
3446	8420	Chas. Wm. Horn
3462	8481	Eva Elizabeth Montgomery
3517	8554	Minnie F. Thompson
3522	8604	Ollie J. Spears
3532	8608	Ava J. Spears
3545	8624	Bella McAffrey
3560	8706	Len F. Chouteau
3529	8717	Henry Tynon
3528	8740	Lucy Sager
3600	8759	Joe McK. Sharp
3674	8927	Reva M. Davidson
3683	8956	Julia Bushane
3701	8996	Sadie Comfort
3751	9084	James F. Dunton
3783	9090	Ollie Nichols
3788	9091	Poly Nichols
3788	9156	Isaac Whittecar
3802	9284	Lea V. Highsmith
3933	9492	David Walker
3934	9494	Archie M. Kingston
3942	9527	Emmett C. Fields
3963	30198	Minnie E. Sheek
4061	9604	Harold Perkins
4123	9948	Ropsy H. Mantooth
4127	9960	Clare Hicks

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Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
4146	10006	Arthur E. Lamer
4158	10020	Samuel D. Harlan
4190	10119	Wiley M. Brew
4300	11018	Elmore Salley
4908	11728	William M. Tiley
6422	12512	Kara Ketcher
7037	13307	Budley Tanner
7308	17371	Mary J. Stewart
7476	17628	Cicero Wright
7804	17758	Johnaky Small
10424	20000	Etzel M. Yost
10770	31222	Henry A. Blasingame

Cherokee Freedmen.

Card No.	Roll No.	Name
704	1745	Rosa Howe
715	1780	Mary Austin

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 4340-1905), and October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228-1905), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee Advocate" and "The Vinita Republican", both weekly newspapers of general circulation, the former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Vinita, Indian Territory, in the Recording District in which the above named persons are

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shown to have resided at the time of their death. The first issue of this publication is "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 3, and the first issue in "The Vinta Republican" was on March 9, 1906. Attention was called to Section 21 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that the Commissioner would, at the expiration of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known postoffice advising the information received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said person as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Secretary--B.

No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1902, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

Incl. GL-14.  
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Commissioner.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

LAND  
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August 23, 1906.

C O P Y

The Honorable ,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, forwarding affidavits as to the deaths of certain persons whose names appear on a partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Bixby refers to Departmental letters of May 31, (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 2, (I.T.D. 6249-1905), October 4, (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 256 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the Department's instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with, and no information having been received that any one of the persons enumerated in his report was living on September 1, 1902, he recommends that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the

Department and this Office, and that he is authorized to  
delete their names from the copies of the approved partial  
rolls in his possession, and that the application for their  
enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits have been examined in this Office, and  
are transmitted herewith, the Office suggesting to the Commissioner  
its recommendation.

Very respectfully,

F. H. Long.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

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August 29, 1906.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you forwarded affidavits as to the deaths of 68 persons whose names appear on the approved rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that you be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, you having complied with departmental instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons.

Reporting August 23, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs, and you are authorized to strike the names of said persons from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Roll No.

Name.

176  
257  
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John Hidiiffer  
Frances T. Raulston  
Ellen May Duniphan

# Marriages by Blood.

Roll No.	Name.
359	Heaster L. Jones
437	Martin J. Jones
446	Hattie Ophelia Baker
449	Franklin E. Framley
7078	Anna Mayo
7083	Mary N. Dubois
7098	William L. Rogers
7184	Willie F. Gibson
7239	Louisa F. Cunningham
7244	Mala F. Cunningham
7315	Eveline Lyman
7591	Lennie Murphy
30033	Ollie F. Melton
7437	Minnie E. Vance
7517	Susan E. Payne
7577	Jacob W. Olson
7701	Louis L. Dennis
7815	Ingean Little
7930	<del>Melissa Chick Hendryx</del>
7950	Melissa Chick Hendryx
8171	Bessie J. Housley
8180	Augustus Nichols
8267	Emeline Washington
8300	Susan D. Blakemore
8318	Myrtle O. Flint
8334	Jesse M. Glenn
8413	Beulah Roseborough
8420	Chas. Wm. Horn
8451	Eva Elizabeth Montgomery
8554	Minnie F. Thompson
8604	Ollie J. Spears
8605	Ava J. Spears
8654	Bella McAffray
8705	Len F. Chouteau
8717	Henry Tynen
8749	Lucy Sager
8759	Joe McK. Sharp.
8777	Nevada M. Davidson
8955	Julia Dushane
8995	Bessie Comfort
9084	James J. Bakton
9090	Olie Nichols
9091	Poly Nichols
9156	Isaac Whittedeer
9354	Lena V. Highsmith
9492	David Walker.

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Roll No.

Name.

9494	Arthur W. Fanning
9557	Samuel G. Fanning
96190	Samuel L. Fanning
9604	Harold Fanning
9644	Joseph A. Fanning
9644	Charles Fanning
10004	Arthur L. Fanning
10004	Samuel L. Fanning
10219	Alfred L. Fanning
11612	Harold Fanning
11720	William L. Fanning
13012	Kenneth Fanning
13007	William Fanning
17871	Mary J. Stewart
17646	Charles Wright
17750	John Fanning
20900	Edith L. Fanning
21882	Henry A. Fanning.

Charlestown Trustees.

Roll No.

Name.

1748	John Fanning
1760	Mary Fanning.

Respectfully,

James E. Fanning.

Assistant Secretary.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 28, 1906

Alex Rowe,

Estahum, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of your wife, Rosa Rowe, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that her name was stricken from the approved roll of ~~the~~ of the Cherokee Nation, and the application for her enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior August 29, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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In the presence of the undersigned, the said Betsey Reese and husband, Jesse Reese, were examined by the undersigned, and the following questions were asked and answered:

- Q What is your name? A Jesse Reese.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know. I came from the old Nation.  
Q Don't know how old are you? A No, sir.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.

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- Q Who do you want to enroll? A Just herself.  
Q What is her post office, Vinita? A Yes, sir, Vinita.  
Q Does she apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I came with the Cherokees from the old country.  
Q Been living here every since? A Yes, sir.  
INTERPRETER: She has a husband living too.  
Q What is his name? A Jesse Reese.  
Q What was her name 20 years ago? A It was Burrington.  
Q How old is her husband? A I don't know.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 165, #2457, Jesse Reese, Cooweescoowee District, native Cherokee, 40 years of age.  
Page 165, #2458, Betsey Reese, Cooweescoowee District, native Cherokee, 40 years of age.

- Q Did you draw Cherokee strip moon? A Yes, sir, we drew at Chelsea and Hayden.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicant's not found thereon.

The Kerna-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicant's found thereon as follows:

Page 119, #2968, Jesse Reese, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 119, #2969, Betsey Reese, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q Jesse is alive and living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Both always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

COM'S NEEDLES:--Betsey Reese applies for the enrollment of herself and her husband, Jesse. They are duly identified according to the page and number of the rolls and make satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

J. D. Russell, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 6th, 1901.

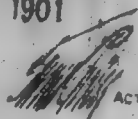
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 6, 1921  
 Post Office Winstonsville, N.C.  
 District C-00

1. Name Jesse Reese

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 165 No. 2437 District C-00

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Betsy Reese

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 165 No. 2438 District C-00

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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13.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.

Application made by H. O. S.

Stenographer J. O. Reason

H. O. S. will Page 119 No 2468 Jesse Reese C-00  
H. O. S. " " 119 " 2469 " " " "

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Betsy Reese

a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved July 20 1904

L. R. Beach

Commissioner

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Betty Reese  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Sinita, Ind. Ter., and died on the 13 day of  
June, 1904  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, James Reese, on oath state that I am 26  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Sinita, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
son of Betty Reese  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Betty Reese died on the 13 day of  
June, 1904  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of July, 1904  
Samuel Forman  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1904

Notary Public.

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Q And he was never married except to you? A No, sir, I and him  
first married.  
Q But you just say a prospector married you and didn't get out a  
license? A Yes, sir.  
Q And he was never married except to you? A No, sir, I and him  
first married.  
Q But you just say a prospector married you and didn't get out a  
license? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of  
herself, her husband and five children. She is duly identified  
on the roll of 1880, but not upon the Kerna-Gliffon roll or  
upon the census roll of 1880. It appears, however, that she  
has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and no sufficient  
reason is seen why she is omitted from the two rolls last named.  
Her change of name arising from marriage is established  
in a satisfactory manner by her own and her step-grandfather's  
testimony. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee  
freedman. She is identified on the roll of 1880 as a native  
Cherokee, but she states that her classification as to nation-  
ality is wrong. Her mother has just been enrolled and is  
identified on the roll of 1880 as a Cherokee freedman.  
The five children named in the testimony are not upon  
any roll, but are said to be all living at this time. The  
applicant is desired to supply the Commission with certifi-  
cates of their birth, and these five children will be listed  
for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen. It is shown by satisfac-  
tory testimony that the marriage between the applicant and her  
husband is a legal marriage.  
As for her husband, Elias Hobbs, he is identified on  
the Kerna-Gliffon roll, but not upon the roll of 1880 or upon  
that of 1880. He did not marry his wife under Cherokee li-  
cense and hence no claim is made for him as an intermarried  
offspring. Neither of father nor mother are identified  
on the roll of 1880, though his father at least was living  
at the time that roll was made. To await further evidence in  
regard to the rights of the applicant's husband, under the  
act of 1880, if such evidence can be presented, he will  
now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee freedman on a doubtful  
case.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded  
the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is  
a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th of May, 1901.

Commissioner.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 1, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Della Hodrick for the enrollment of herself, husband and five children as Cherokee Freedmen, Della Hodrick, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Della Hodrick.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Me and my five children.  
Q Have you a husband? A Yes, sir.  
Q Don't you want to apply for him? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know, sir, about 35 I guess, as near as I can guess.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Alex Rowe.  
Q He is alive, is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Rosa Rowe.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your mother's name before it was Rowe? A She was enrolled as Rosa Williams on the 1880 roll, her step-father had her enrolled as Rosa Williams, and our children under her as Williams.  
Q What is her stepfather's name? A Peter Williams.  
Q She was enrolled in Peter Williams' family in 1880, was she? A Yes, sir, I guess.  
Q Now give me the name of your husband? A Silas Hodrick.  
Q How old is he? A I don't know, sir, as near as I can guess he is about 31.  
Q Is he a recognized Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir, he has drawn money.  
Q How long has he lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All his life.  
Q Give me the name of his father? A Ross Hodrick, that is the name I think he goes by.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your husband's mother? A Her name is Patience Hodrick.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Why, I don't know, sir, about 20 or 21 years maybe, I guess maybe a year or two longer.  
Q Were your husband's father and mother slaves before the war? A Yes, sir, they were slaves under Lewis Ross.  
Q To whom did your husband's father belong? A Lewis Ross.  
Q To whom did your husband's mother belong? A Why, I don't know, sir, I never heard them say, the same man I guess, I don't know that for certain.  
Q When were you and your husband married? A I don't know, sir, I think in 1882, as near as I can come at it.  
Q Did you get out a license? A Why he went to school where I did.  
Q You don't remember about getting out any license? A To marry: why no, sir.  
Q Did a preacher marry you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did he give you a certificate of marriage? A No, sir, he was to, but my husband paid him part of the money and he died before we got it.  
Q Is there anybody here who knows that you and your husband lived together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir, my step-grandfather here.

Peter Williams, examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Your full name is Peter Williams? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q You are the step-grandfather of this woman, are you not? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is this woman married? A Yes, sir, she is married.

Oelia Hedrick on stand.

- Q To whom is she married? A At Hedrick, he is here now.  
Q Is he here? A Yes, sir, he is here.  
Q About how long has this woman been married to Mr. Hedrick? A I don't know sir, how long, I can't tell you.  
Q Have they got some children? A Yes, sir, they have got children.  
Q Do you know how many? A She knows how many she has got.  
Q I am asking you now? A No, I never paid no attention.  
Q Was she ever married except to that man? A No, sir, she never was.  
Q And they have been living together ever since as husband and wife? A Ever since.  
Q What is the name of her mother at this time, this woman's mother? A Rosa Williams.  
Q Her real name is Rosa Rowe? A Her real name is Rosa Rowe.  
Q Was this woman Rosa enrolled with you in 1880? A Yes, sir, she is on the '80.  
Q With your family? A Yes, sir.  
Q Does she appear there as Rosa Williams? A Yes, sir.

Oelia Hedrick, recalled, testified:

- Q Give me the names now of your children? A Perry Hedrick.  
Q How old is that child? A He is 3 years old.  
Q The next child? A James Hedrick.  
Q How old is James? A He is 7 years old.  
Q The next child? A Rosa Hedrick.  
Q How old is Rosa? A She is going on 5 years old.  
Q The next child? A Julia Hedrick.  
Q How old is Julia? A She is going on 3.  
Q The next child? A Lewis Hedrick.  
Q How old is that child? A Four months old.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 168, No. 2512, George-ecooee district, as Seely Rowe, Native Cherokee, 4 years old.  
Remark by Roll Clerk: On roll of 1880 after the names of Jesse, Judy and Rosa Williams, appear the names of Perry and Seely, without a surname. Opposite the name of Perry and Seely is a note saying it should be Rowe instead of Williams.  
Q These are members of your family, are they? A Yes, sir, Perry Rowe, that is my brother.  
Silas Hedrick not on 1880 roll.  
The 1880 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants not identified thereon.  
Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money? A No, sir.  
The Kerns-Clifton pay-roll examined and the applicants not identified thereon.  
Q Why didn't you draw strip money? A Why I don't know.  
Q Did your husband draw Cherokee strip money? A Yes, sir.  
The Kerns-Clifton roll examined and the applicant Silas Hedrick identified thereon, page 118, No. 2825, Cyrus Hedrick, district unknown.  
Q Did these children draw Cherokee strip money? A No, sir.  
Q Do you know why you didn't draw Cherokee strip money? A No, sir, they claimed our names was lost some way or another, we always have drawn till then.  
By L. B. Bell, Cherokee representative: Were you and your husband married before that Kerns-Clifton roll was made? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you living together now as man and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living together at that time as man and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q How did he happen to leave you off? A I don't know, sir.  
Q Were you ever parted? A No, sir, never been parted since we married.  
Q Who is this Lewis and Amos and Jack? A Them is his sister in

Silas Hedrick - 3.

His children, and Lewis that is my husband's youngest brother, he was drowned.

Commissioner: You are put down on the roll of 1880 as a native Cherokee? A Yes, sir, down William on the 1880 roll, in the Coowasee district.

Q But you state you are a daughter of this John Williams and your mother is a colored woman? A Yes, sir.

Q You don't claim therefore as a Cherokee? A No, sir, as a Freedman.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the parents of applicant, Silas Hedrick, not found thereon.

Q You have stated that you were never married except to this husband? A No, sir, this is my first time I have married.

Q And he was never married except to you? A No, sir, I and him first married.

Q But you just say a preacher married you and didn't get out a license? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, her husband and five children. She is duly identified on the roll of 1880, but not upon the Kerns-Clifton roll or upon the census roll of 1896. It appears, however, that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and no sufficient reason is seen why she is omitted from the two rolls last named. Her change of name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory manner by her own and her step-grandfather's testimony. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. She is identified on the roll of 1880 as a native Cherokee, but she states that her classification as to nationality is wrong. Her mother has just been enrolled and is identified on the roll of 1880 as a Cherokee Freedman.

The five children named in the testimony are not upon any roll, but are said to be all living at this time. The applicant is desired to supply the Commission with certificates of their birth, and these five children will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. It is shown by satisfactory testimony that the marriage between the applicant and her husband is a legal marriage.

As for her husband, Silas Hedrick, he is identified on the Kerns-Clifton roll, but not upon the roll of 1896 or upon that of 1886. He did not marry his wife under Cherokee license and hence no claim is made for him as an intermarried citizen. Neither his father nor mother are identified on the roll of 1880, though his father at least was living at the time that roll was made. To await further evidence in regard to the rights of the applicant's husband, under the treaty of 1866, if such evidence can be presented, he will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 6th of May, 1901.

*Commissioner*

Commissioner.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

James Hodrick

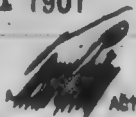
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the

of James Hodrick, born on the 13 day of April, 1894

Name of Father: Silas Hodrick, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Name of Mother: Belia Hodrick, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Post-office, Kunita, Ia

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Belia Hodrick, on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Silas Hodrick, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was born to me on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1894, that said child has been named James Hodrick, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Belia Hodrick

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Susan Pee, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Belia Hodrick, wife of Silas Hodrick, on the 13 day of April, 1894, that there was born to her on said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named James Hodrick.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Susan Pee  
her mark

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Rosa Rowe  
G. F. Bailey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Perry Hodrick*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved,

*May 11*

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE.

IN BE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation,  
of Perry Hodrick, born on the 29 day of April, 1893  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Silas Hodrick, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Belia Hodrick, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Winita, KS

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Belia Hodrick, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Silas Hodrick, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 29 day of April, 1893, that said child has been  
named Perry Hodrick, and is now living:

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Susan Pee, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Belia Hodrick, wife of Silas Hodrick,  
on the 29 day of April, 1893, that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Perry Hodrick

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Roda Rowe,Gus BaileySusan <sup>her</sup> Pee  
markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Rosa Hadrick*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

*May 11*

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*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN THE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Rosa Hodrick, born on the 21 day of Octo, 1896.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Silas Hodrick, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Belia Hodrick, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Winita, Id.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Belia Hodrick, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Silas Hodrick, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 21<sup>th</sup> day of Octo, 1896 that said child has been  
named Rosa Hodrick, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesBelia Hodrick

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

E. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Susan Peel, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Belia Hodrick, wife of Silas Hodrick,  
on the 21<sup>th</sup> day of Octo, 1896; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Rosa Hodrick.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Martha Landrum  
Spence Landrum

Susan Peel  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

E. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Julia Kodrick*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

*May 11*

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Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,

of Julia Hodrick, born on the 18 day of December, 1898

Name of Father: Silas Hodrick, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Name of Mother: Belia Hodrick, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Post-office, Vieta, S.C.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Belia Hodrick, on oath state that I am 95 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Silas Hodrick, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was born to me on the 18 day of December, 1898, that said child has been named Julia Hodrick, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Belia Hodrick

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Melinda Johnson, midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Belia Hodrick, wife of Silas Hodrick on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1898 that there was born to her on said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Julia Hodrick.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Melinda Johnson

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Silas Hodrick  
L. F. Bailey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Lewis Hodrick*  
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved

May 11 1901

*[Signature]*  
COMMISSIONER.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN *RR* Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of *Lewis Hodrick*, born on the *4* day of *January*, 1901.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Silas Hodrick*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Belia Hodrick*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office, *Tusula, Id.*

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Northern* District. }

I, *Belia Hodrick*, on oath state that I am *25*  
years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Silas Hodrick*, who is a citizen, by  
*adoption*, of the *Cherokee* Nation, that a *Male* child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *January*, 1901; that said child has been  
named *Lewis Hodrick*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

*Belia Hodrick*

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1901.

*L. F. Bailey*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Northern* District. }

I, *Jennie Buford*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Belia Hodrick*, wife of *Silas Hodrick*,  
on the *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *January*, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a *Male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named *Lewis Hodrick*.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

*Jennie*<sup>her</sup>  
*Buford*<sub>mark</sub>

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Silas Hodrick*  
*L. F. Bailey*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1901.

*L. F. Bailey*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 6, 1901  
 Post Office Wrights 29.  
 District Delaware

1. Name ~~John Hodrick~~ Age 31  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 116 No. 2513 District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father ~~John Hodrick - living~~ Citizenship ~~Col. Freeman~~  
 Mother ~~Esther~~ Citizenship "

Name of wife Elia Hodrick Age 25  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 169 No. 2512 District Colo

Parents:

Father Alex Rowe - living Citizenship Col. Freeman  
 Mother Rosa - living Citizenship "

Names of Children:

2	<u>Bry Hodrick</u>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
3	<u>"</u>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
4	<u>Rosa</u>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
5	<u>Julia</u>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
6	<u>Lewis</u>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
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Application made by Elia Hodrick Stenographer P. B. Jones

1. On roll as Lecky Rowe  
 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 - Affidavits of birth to be supplied

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE CHEROKEE NATION  
JANUARY 1, 1901

In the matter of the application of James Reese for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, said Reese being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. H. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A James Reese.  
Q How old are you? A 33 years old.  
Q What is your past office address? A None.  
Q What district do you live in? A Coowasee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? (No response.)  
Q Anybody besides yourself? A My wife and my child.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Permelia Rowe.  
Q How old is she? A 29 I think.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir, I guess so.  
Q What was her father's name? A Jess Rowe.  
Q He is living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Permelia Rowe.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Jess Reese.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your mother Betsey? A Yes, sir.  
Q She is living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your child's name? A Leanderson.  
Q Is that a boy or girl? A Boy.  
Q How old is Leanderson? A Three years old, the third day of April.  
Q Only one child? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your wife here? A No, sir, she will be here to-morrow or next day.  
Q Did you have a sister named Jennie? A No, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name identified thereon, Page 135, #2440, Jennie Reese, Coowasee District, Native Cherokee, three years of age.

Applicant's wife's name cannot be identified upon this roll.

- Q When were you married? A Married 20th day of August, 1894.  
Q You say Jesse and Permelia Rowe were called Starr sometime?  
A Yes, sir; they was owned by Starr.  
Q Your wife was born and raised in Delaware district, you say?  
A No, sir, I think not.  
Q What district? A I don't know what district they were raised here.  
Q Will your wife be here? A Yes, sir, she will be here to-morrow or next day.  
COMMISSIONER: Well, I expect you had better wait for your wife and child.  
Q Did your father and mother draw stip money for you? A Yes, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant found thereon, page 219, #2971, Jim Reese, Coowasee District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation, Jim? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe?  
A No, sir, I think not.  
Q You never draw any money from any other Nation besides the Cherokee? A No, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:—The name of James Reese is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and upon the Kerns-Clifton pay roll. His name is not upon the census roll of 1896. He applies for the enrollment of himself. He is duly identified according to the page and number of the rolls and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1901.

*W. H. Harrison*

Commissioner



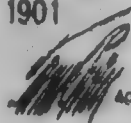
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 6, 1901  
 Post Office Winston, D.C.  
 District Co.

1. Name James Reese Age 23  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship Colored  
 Year 1880 Page 165 No. 2440 District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:  
 Father James Reese Citizenship Colored  
 Mother Betsy Reese Citizenship "

2. Name of wife Sarah Reese Age 24  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:  
 Father Jesse Rowe Citizenship Colored  
 Mother Emilia Citizenship "

Names of Children

3. <u>Leanderson Reese</u>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
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Application made by No. 1

Stenographer J. O. Brown

No. 1 on 1880 roll as James Reese  
No. 1 on Civil Page 119 No. 2971, Jim Reese, Co. Dist.  
~~No. 1 on 1880 roll as~~  
~~No. 1 on roll Page~~  
~~No. 1 birth certificate required.~~

EXHIBIT 11 - 110000 IN THE CASE OF JAMES H. REESE, CHEROKEE FREEDMAN STRAIGHT CARD NO. 787.

James Reese, called and sworn by Commissioner of the Cherokee Nation, testified as follows before him:

- Q What is your name? A. James Reese.  
Q How old are you? A. 34.  
Q What is your post office? A. Vinita.  
Q In what District do you live? A. Cherokee County.  
Q You have already applied for yourself? A. Yes sir.  
Q You want to apply now for your child? A. Yes sir.  
Q Why didn't you apply for this child before? A. I couldn't get the wife then.  
Q What is the name of this child? A. Anderson.  
Q How old is the child? A. 3 years.  
Q Give me the name of the mother? A. Savannah.  
Q How old is she? A. 25.  
Q Is she a state woman? A. Yes sir.  
Q She has no right to enrollment of herself? A. No sir.  
Q You and she are married? A. Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A. In 1898 on the 26th day of August.  
Q Have you a certificate of your marriage? A. Yes sir.

The applicant presents a certificate from the Rev. John Tucker to the effect that he united the applicant and his wife in marriage on the 26th of August, 1898. This is filed herewith.

- Q Were you ever married except to this wife? A. No sir.  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A. No sir.  
Q Have you and she always lived together ever since you and she were married? A. Yes sir.

By Oona's Acknowledgment. - The applicant applies for the enrollment of a child, three years of age. He is shown to have been duly enrolled on Cherokee Freedman straight card #787, and when he supplies the Commission with a proper certificate of the birth of this child it will be listed for enrollment with him as a Cherokee Freedman. It is shown by the certificate filed herewith that he and his wife were lawfully married in August, 1898. He makes no application for his wife when he states in a state woman, and who having been married to him under the Cherokee law of September 16th 1895 would not be entitled to enrollment under any theory. This will be filed with Cherokee Freedman straight card No. 787.

Oona von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of June 1901 at Okfuskee I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*  
  
Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

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District

Parents:

Father

Mother

Citizenship

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Mother

Citizenship

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Anderson Reese

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Application made by

Joe Reese

Stenographer

Chas. von Wern

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Enroll on Cherokee Freedmen  
Card no. 707

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INDIAN BUREAU OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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COMMISSION TO THE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
INDIAN TERRITORY NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I John Innes, of lawful age and of both  
state that I am 49 years old and a minister of the gospel, and  
that I united in the bonds of matrimony ~~with~~ James Rice, and  
Selvana Rice, on the 30th, day of August 1890, in the Cherokee  
Nation Ind. Terr.

*W. S. Innes*  
*Witness to Mark John Rice*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 30th, day of March 1901.

My commission, expires April 11th. 1901.

1901

*David J. Elliott*

Notary public.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 707

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Anderson Reese

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation

Approved, MAY 31 1901 190

*J. B. Thompson*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*J. B. Thompson*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Anderson Russ, born on the 3 day of April, 1895  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: James Russ, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Saranah Russ, a citizen of the W.S. Nation.  
Post-office: Winita I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Gorham District.

I, Saranah Russ, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of James Russ, who is a citizen, by  
birth, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 3 day of April, 1895, that said child has been  
named Anderson Russ, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of May, 1901.

My Commission Expires March 25, 1905  
P. O. HANSEN, L. I.

Wm. Maddux Jr  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Gorham District.

I, Parmelure Rowe, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Saranah Russ, wife of James Russ,  
on the 3 day of April, 1895, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Anderson Russ.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Andy Rider  
Willie Hantley

Parmelure Rowe  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of May, 1901.

Wm. Maddux Jr  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



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O. Ross, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*[Signature]*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE CHEROKEE NATION  
MINNESOTA, U.S. MAY 4th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Benjamin Reese for the enrollment of himself, wife and one stepchild as Cherokee Freedmen, said Reese being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Hadden, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Ben Reese.  
Q Benjamin Reese, how old are you? A 34.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vanita.  
Q What district do you live in, Cooweescoowee? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll? A Me and my wife.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Fannie Baldrige.  
Q How old is she? A 19.  
Q What is her father's name? A Jack Baldrige.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A I don't know, she is here.  
Q Is your wife here? A Yes, sir, she is down at the wagon, I know her mother's name too.  
Q When were you married? A Been two years.  
Q Are you wife's father and mother Cherokee Freedmen both of them? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 185, #333, Benny Reese, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q Did your wife have a sister named Louvenia or Lucy? A I don't know, sir.  
Q You don't know what your wife's mother's name was either? (Said to be Nancy.)

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the parents of applicant's wife found thereon as follows:  
Page 231, #389, Jack Baldrige, Delaware District.  
Page 231, #390, Nancy Baldrige, Delaware District.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:  
Page 119, #2970, Ben Reese, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 8, #200, Amanda Baldrige, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you got any children? A Step child.  
Q Do you want to enroll it? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is its name? A Beatrice Reese.  
Q What is its mother's name? A Amanda.  
Q Is that child alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q It was born before you married Amanda? A Yes, sir.

COM'R HADDEN:--Applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and one stepchild. His name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Jim Reese and upon the Kerns-Clifton roll. He avers that his wife is the child of Jack and Nancy Baldrige and the names of Jack and Nancy Baldrige are found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and her name is found upon the Kerns-Clifton roll. He avers that his wife before his married had one child named Beatrice, four years of age, whose name does not appear upon the

J. O. Rossen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

J. O. Rossen

subscribed and sworn to before me this May 6th day, 1901.

*[Signature]*

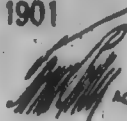
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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date May 6, 1901  
Post Office Junta, D.C.  
District Co

1. Name Ben Reese Age 24

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 165 No. 2439 District Co

Parents:

Father Jesse Reese Citizenship Colored

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship 11

2. Name of wife Amanda Reese Age 18

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 80 Page 8 No. 200 District Co

Parents:

Father Jack Baldrige Citizenship Colored

Mother Nancy Citizenship ✓

Names of Children:

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Application made by No. 1.

Stenographer J. O. Ross

No. 1 on 1880 roll Ben Reese  
No. 1 on D.C. roll Page 19 No. 2970, Co. Dist  
No. 2 on D.C. roll as Amanda Baldrige  
No. 3 birth cert. file required;

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Beatrice Reese*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

*May 7th*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Beatrice Reese, born on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1897  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Tom Downing, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Amanda Reese, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita, ST

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Amanda Reese, on oath state that I am 18  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Ben Reese, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1897; that said child has been  
named Beatrice Reese and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be two  
witnesses)

John Downing  
Geo Bailey

Amanda Reese  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Susan Pee, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Amanda Reese, wife of Ben Reese,  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Beatrice Reese

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be two  
witnesses)

John Downing  
Geo Bailey

Susan Pee  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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of it. He had and his child, a nephew, and a nephew of  
GOD'S BROTHER, a nephew. About 50 years for the purpose

and had been in the United States. A. Yes, sir.

Q. Now, was this filed in the General Register? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And when it is now, General Register, was  
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station at the end of the General Register, was

Q. Now, it is now, A. Yes, sir. A. Downing.

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Q. Now, it is now, A. Yes, sir. A. Downing.

Q. Now, it is now, A. Yes, sir. A. Downing.

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DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER IN CHARGE  
VISITA, I. C.

In the matter of the application of Andrew Lynch for the enrollment of his wife, Mary, and child, as Cherokee Freedmen, said Lynch being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Andrew Lynch.  
Q Applies for the enrollment of his wife, Mary, and child.  
Q What is her name? A Mary Lynch.  
Q How old is she? A 35.  
Q What is her present office address? A Vinita.  
Q What district does she live in? A Coowesscoowee.  
Q Do you apply to have your wife and child enrolled as Cherokee Freedmen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to have them enrolled as Freedmen of any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Has your wife been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your wife's father's name? A William Downing.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Lutella Downing.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of your child? A Josephine.  
Q How old is she? A Three years old.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife's name found thereon, page 92, #866, Mary J. Downing, Coowesscoowee district.

- Q How long have you been married? A Seven years.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife's name found thereon, page 632, #70, Mary J. Lynch, Delaware District.

- Q Has your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--Andrew Lynch applies for the enrollment of his wife, Mary, and his child, Josephine, and the name of his wife, Mary, is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Mary J. Downing, that having been her maiden name, and upon the census roll of 1896 as Mary J. Lynch. They are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. He applies also for the enrollment of his child, Josephine, whose name does not appear upon any roll, having been born after the same was compiled, but he presents satisfactory proof of its birth, consequently his child, Josephine, will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. G. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic note thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 1901.

*J. B. Needles*

Commissioner.

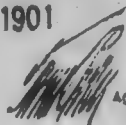


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date *May 6 1901*  
 Post Office *Watauga, D.C.*  
 District *Co.*

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife *Mary Lynch* Age *25*  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year *1880* Page *27* No. *266* District *Co.*

Parents: *William Downing* *Colored*  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother *Mollie* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

No.	Name	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
3.	<i>Josephine Lynch</i>				
4.		Year	Page	No.	Dist.
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Application made by *Andrew Lynch* Stenographer *F.O. Ross*

*No 1 on 1880 roll as Mary Downing*  
*No 1 on 1896 roll Page 632 No. 70, Delaware Dist*  
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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD


Josephine Lynch

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation

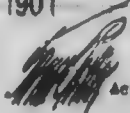
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Josephine Lynch (Here insert name of child.) born on the 8th day of March, 1897  
Name of Father: Andrew Lynch, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Mary Lynch, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Andrew Lynch, who is a citizen, by  
blood, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 8th day of March, 1897; that said child has been  
named Josephine Lynch, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mary Lynch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE. Father.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

midwife is dead.

I, Andrew Lynch Father & only wit-ness, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Lynch, wife of my self Andrew Lynch  
on the 8th day of March, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Josephine Lynch

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Andrew Lynch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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roll. She is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all  
 lived with him on the 1860 roll and on the Keams-Coffin  
 be a Cherokee bloodman. The applicant, wife of the  
 Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment  
 on the Keams-Coffin roll. He has lived in the Cherokee  
 self. The applicant is identified on the roll of 1860 and  
 is discontinued, and he will be reduced to apply for him-  
 to be more than 21 years of age and the application for him  
 himself, wife and one child. The child is found  
 CONE BROCKHURST:--The applicant applies for the en-

for the 1st 1/2 roll of live males. A No. 11, born right here.  
 3 Whether or you have been living outside of the Cherokee Nation  
 A Yes, sir.  
 6 You think you left you off for no family of yours?  
 6 You give in, did you? A Yes, sir.  
 A I don't know, sir.  
 6 How comes that you and your wife are neither on the 1860 roll

cant is told that he will have to apply for himself.  
 (Simon Ranch, Jr., shown to be over 21 years of age and appli-

Beke So, #150, Simon Ranch, Jr., Selma District.

Beke So, #151, Simon Ranch, Selma District.

examined and the names of applicants found present a fol-  
 the Keams-Coffin roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation  
 the 1860 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation

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 the 1860 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation

Beke So, #152, Selma District.  
 Beke So, #153, Selma District.

Simon Ranch, Jr., et al.--S.

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 COMMISSION TO THE CHEROKEE NATION  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 5th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Simon Lynch for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen, said Lynch being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Simon Lynch.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll, just yourself? A Myself and wife.  
Q Just yourself and wife? A Yes, sir; I got some children but they are all grown, all but one.  
Q Is that one married? A No, sir.  
Q Then you want to enroll that child, do you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A Well, sir, about 70.  
Q What is your post office? A Spavinaw.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Well, sir, about 70 years, all my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you on the rolls? A Yes, sir; I guess I am, I have been here every roll that was taken.  
Q You have been put on all of them so far as you know, have you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Griffin Daniels.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long since he died? A Died the first day of last October.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Celie Daniels.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long since she died? A About eight years ago.  
Q Were you a slave in old times? A Yes, sir.  
Q To whom did you belong? A Joe Lynch.  
Q You were a slave here in the Cherokee Nation, were you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A Edey.  
Q How old is your wife? A She is about 45 years old.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman of her own right? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she lived in the Cherokee Nation? A About all her life, born here.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A I don't know him.  
Q Do you know the name of her mother? A Yes, sir, Viney.  
Q Viney what? A Viney Lynch.  
Q Same name as yours? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was she a Lynch when you married her? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did you marry her? A I don't know just exactly when it was.  
Q Well, about how long since? A Been about.  
Q Your wife must be a good deal over 50 years old; is she as old as you are? A No, sir, I am the oldest.  
Q About how much older are you than she? A About ten or twelve years.  
Q She must be about 65 or 70 years old? A She might be.  
Q You married her before the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you and she lived together ever since? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was she a slave in the old times? A Yes, sir.  
Q To whom did she belong? A Lynch.  
Q What was his name? A Joe Lynch.  
Q He was a Cherokee citizen was he? A Yes, sir.  
Q And your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir, right in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Now give me the name of your child for whom you apply? A Simon Lynch.  
Q How old is that child? A He is about 19 years old.  
Q Is he living now? A Yes, sir.

The 1860 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Simon Lynch, Jr. 21-21--2

Page 645, #693, Simon Lynch, Saline District.

Page 645, #694, Mary Lynch, Saline District.

The 1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant not found thereon.

Q Did you draw Cherokee citizenship? A Yes, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant found thereon as follows:

Page 29, #724, Simon Lynch, Saline District.

Page 29, #725, Mary Lynch, Saline District.

Page 29, #726, Simon Lynch, Jr., Saline District.

(Simon Lynch, Jr., shown to be over 21 years of age and applicant is told that he will have to apply for himself.)

Q How comes that you and your wife are neither on the 1896 roll?

A I don't know, sir.

Q You give in, did you? A Yes, sir.

Q You think they left you off for no fault of yours?

A Yes, sir.

Q Neither of you have been living outside of the Cherokee Nation for the last four or five years? A No, sir, been right here.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, wife and one child. The child is found to be more than 21 years of age and the application for him is discontinued, and he will be required to apply for himself. The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns-Clifton roll. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is identified with him on the 1880 roll and on the Kerns-Clifton roll. She is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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**ACTING CHAIRMAN**

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 6, 1901

Post Office

Spartanburg, S.C.

District

Saline

1. Name

Simon Lynch

Age 70

Owner's name

Joe Lynch

Citizenship

Col.

Year

1880

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No.

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District

Saline

Parents:

Father

Griffin Daniels - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Ellie - dead

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Edie Lynch

Age

55+

Owner's name

Joe Lynch

Citizenship

Col.

Year

1880

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No.

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District

Saline

Parents:

Father

Vina Lynch

Citizenship

Mother

Vina Lynch

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3.

~~Simon Lynch Jr.~~

Year

1880

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Application made by

Ms. 1

Stenographer

J. L. Ross

1. On K. Roll Page 29 \* 724 - Saline

2. " " " " 29. \* 725 - " "







Repts Ranch, et al.---g.

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Commissioner in a line and complete description of his stenographic  
report of the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
report to the Commission for the five civilized tribes, he collected  
and is now being filed and the state of the case is as follows.

W. W. WOOD

Appointed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Feb. 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FOUR CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
TULSA, I. T., MAY 31, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Louis Lynch for the enrollment of himself, wife, three children and one grandchild as Cherokee Freedmen; said Lynch being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. E. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Louis Lynch.  
Q Who is it you want to have enrolled, just yourself? A Myself and family.  
Q You have a wife, have you? A Yes, sir.  
Q And how many children? A Three and one grandchild.  
Q Is that grandchild in your charge? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A 45.  
Q What is your past office? A Spavinaw.  
Q In what district do you live? A Salina.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you been admitted to the rolls? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Simon Lynch.  
Q He is alive is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Eddy.  
Q She is alive is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A Ibbie.  
Q How old is your wife? A 70 years old.  
Q She is a great deal older than you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Well, as long as I have known her, all her life, I guess.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Rufus Vann.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I do not know really, he died in the war.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Lucy Vann.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A I don't really know how long it has been, since '80 though.  
Q When did you and your wife marry? A I don't know, it has been about 24 years ago, 25 as near as I can think of it.  
Q She was with you then in 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the names of your three children? A Evans Lynch.  
Q How old is that child? A 23.  
Q He must apply for himself; how many children have you under 21 years of age and unmarried? A Two.  
Q Give me their names? A Anderson Lynch.  
Q How old is Anderson? A 27.  
Q The next child? A Willard Lynch, don't call him by his name.  
Q By what do you call him? A Uprey, his right name is Willard.  
Q How old is Willard? A 15.  
Q Are these children living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these children by this wife? A All of them but one the grandson, all by the same woman.  
Q Now, give me the name of your grandchild? A Willard, I give you his name.  
(Found only to have one child and one grandchild that he can apply for.)  
Q Now, give me the name of your grand child? A (No response.)  
Q Is that Willard? A Yes, sir.  
Q That is the one you gave by mistake as your own child a while ago? A Yes, sir.  
Q Willard Lynch? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is this child an orphan? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is the mother dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is the father dead? A The father ain't dead, but it has never been owned by its father; it has been with me all his life.  
Q Was this child's mother your daughter? A Step-daughter.

Q Willard you say is 15 years old, and he is alive now? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Give me the name of the mother of this child, Willard Lynch?  
 A Katie.  
 Q Katie what? A Katie Shaw.  
 Q How long has she been dead? A About 15 years.  
 Q Died when this child was a baby did she? A Yes, sir.  
 Q How old was she when she died? A Well, sir, I really don't know just how old she was, she was 18 or 20 years old.  
 Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Recognized as such was she? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Was she any kin to you? A No, sir, my wife's daughter.  
 Q What was her father's name? A Jess Shaw.  
 Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
 Q How long has he been dead? A I do not know.  
 Q Give me the name of this woman's mother; was that Ibbie?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q She is your present wife? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 648, #671, Lewis Lynch, Saline District.  
 Page 648, #672, Ebby Lynch, Saline District.  
 Page 648, #673, Katy Lynch, Saline District.

The 1886 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants not found thereon.

Q Did you draw strip money for this grandson, Willard? A Yes, sir.

The Kerna-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants' names found thereon as follows:

Page 17, #412, Lewis Lynch, Saline District.  
 Page 17, #413, Ebby Lynch, Saline District.  
 Page 17, #416, Anderson Lynch, Saline District.  
 Page 17, #417, Willard Lynch, Saline District.

Q This step-daughter of yours, Kate Shaw, was she enrolled with your family in 1880? A Yes, sir.

Q That was after you had married her mother? A Yes, sir.

Q Did she go by your name at that time? A Yes, sir.

Q And she afterwards married a man by the name of Shaw?

A Her father was Shaw.

Q And this child of hers, Willard, just took your name of Lynch?

A No, his father's name was Lynch.

Q You don't know anything about him now, the father of Willard?

A No, sir, nothing about him, he had nothing to do with the child.

Q But this is the child of your step-daughter, Katie?

A Yes, sir.

COM'R BROECKENRIDGE:--The applicant originally applied for himself, wife, three children and one grandchild. IT is found upon the continuation of his case that he can only apply for himself, his wife and one child and one grandchild. He is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerna-Clifton roll. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerna-Clifton roll. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, she is identified with her husband and under his name on the roll of 1880, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The child, Anderson Lynch, 17 years of age, is identified on the Kerna-Clifton roll. He is living and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The grandchild, Willard Lynch, is identified on the Kerna-Clifton roll. He is 15 years of age and is living, and his deceased mother is duly identified on the roll of 1880. This child will also be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Louis Lynch, et al.

Q. Now, being first of name, state that as far as  
known to the Commission, the above named person, he has not  
recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
following is a true and complete transcript of his testimony as  
given and sworn.

J. C. Pender

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 1901.

J. C. Pender

Commissioner.

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*Cher. J. M. H.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN



MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *May 6, 1901*

Post Office *Shavinsaw St.*

District *Saline*

1. Name *Lewis Lynch*

Age *45*

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year *1880* Page *645* No. *671*

District *Saline*

Parents:

Father *Simon Lynch - living*

Citizenship *Cher. Freed*

Mother *Eddy " - "*

Citizenship *" "*

2. Name of wife *Ebbie Lynch*

Age *70*

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year *1880* Page *645* No. *672*

District *Saline*

Parents:

Father *Pepus Vain - dead*

Citizenship

Mother *Eddy " - dead*

Citizenship

Names of Children:

~~3. *Simon Lynch*~~

Year *17* Page *446* No. *446* Dist.

3. *Anderson Lynch*

Year *17* Page *446* No. *446* Dist. *Saline*

4. *Willard " "*

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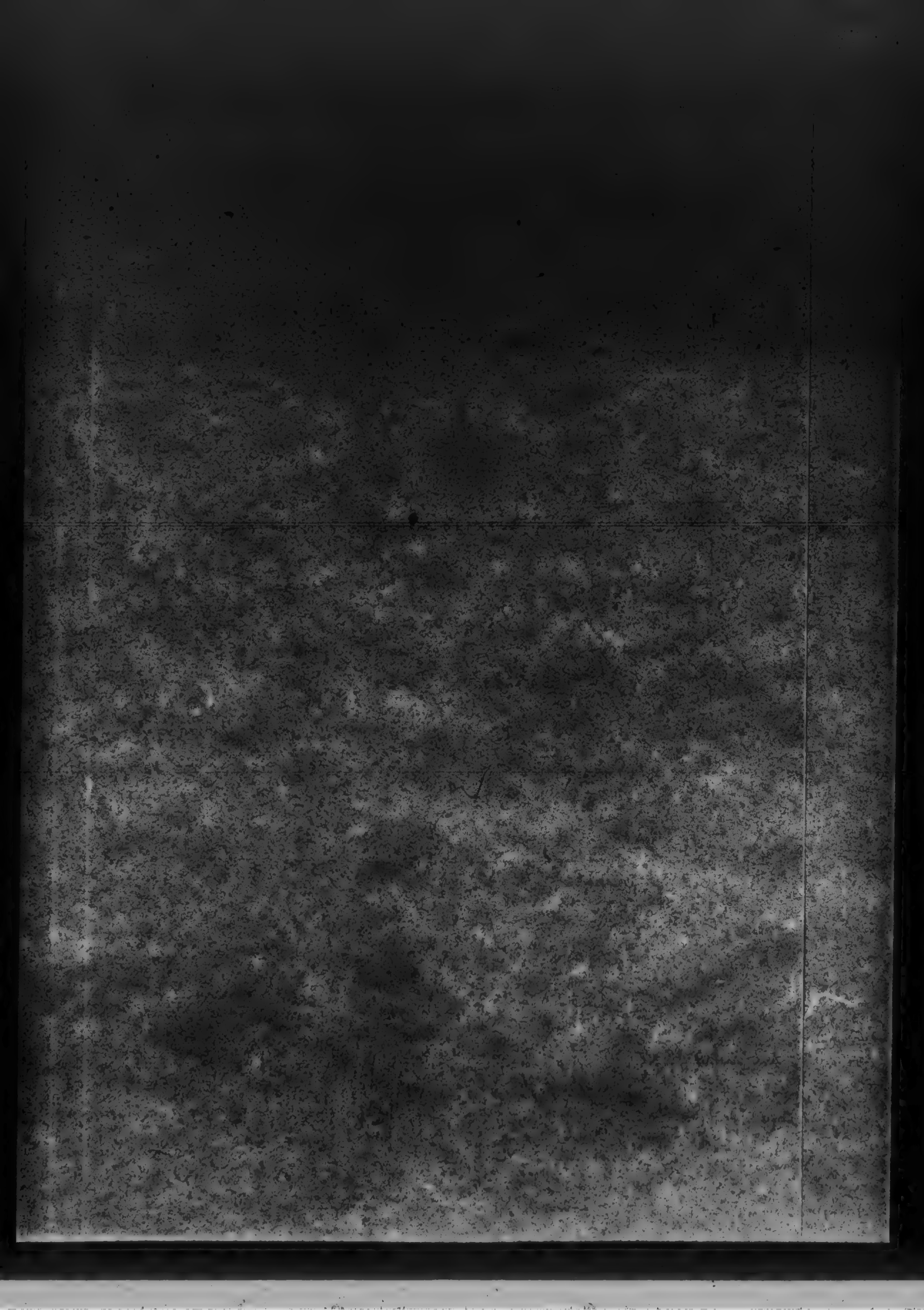
Stenographer

*C. Ross*

*1 On 1880 roll Page 17 \* 412 Saline*

*2 " " " " " 17 \* 413 Ebbie Lynch*

*2 On 1880 roll as Ebbie Lynch*



Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of 1901.

*W. D. Green*

Transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.  
Proceedings in this case are that the foregoing is a true and complete  
copy to the five divided Tribes he correctly recorded, he testified and  
W. D. Green being first duly sworn at and that as stenographer, to the County

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be filed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.  
transcript, substantially these facts and his child, escape with  
registered, blood as he goes to their residence, and after  
hears it upon the same, given to him and his child, escape with  
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but it is upon the same, given to him and his child, escape with  
lost of 1890; his name is not known, he cannot tell of 1890.  
lost and one child; his name is not known, he cannot tell of 1890.  
Com. R. Needles: I have written and signed for the enrollment of him-

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Winnipeg, N.D., May 6, 1901

In the matter of the application of Isaac Martin for the enrollment of himself and child as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Isaac Martin.  
Q What is your age? A 36.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Winnie.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled in any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Ever draw any money in any other nation? A No sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q You been recognized by the Cherokee as Cherokee? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Child Bessie.  
Q What is the mother's name? A Bessie Martin? A Her name was Martha Martin.  
Q What was her name before you married her? A She was a Grubbs.  
Q Is her name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A No sir.  
Q Her name is not on the roll, she is dead.  
Q Where were you married to her? A Just lived with her; wasn't lawfully married; just lived with her.  
Q Did you live with her as man and wife? A Yes sir, I wasn't married.  
Q Was you recognized in the community as man and wife? A Yes sir, I was recognized, yes sir.  
Q She lived with you as your wife? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 283 #1620 Isaac Martin, Delaware District, male colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants not identified thereon.

- Q Did you draw ~~strip~~ money? A Yes sir, every time.  
Q Drawed Strip money? A Yes sir.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 12 #299 Isaac Martin, Delaware District.  
page 12 #300 Bessie Martin, Delaware District.

- Q How old is Bessie? A Going on 12 years old I reckon.  
Q Anybody here know you lived with her mother as man and wife? A No.

Examined by Cherokee Representative W.W. Hastings:

- Q How long did you live with her as man and wife? A About a year, and she quit me then and married a half brother, claims to be a half brother of mine, named Lin Martin, and she quit him.  
Q Was your wife living with you when this child was born? A Yes sir.  
Q You have recognized it always as your child? A Yes sir, it has been mine all the time; she went before John Duncan, District clerk, and swore to it, and give me the papers.  
Q Who has got charge of the child now? A Her granny; she is going to school now.  
Q By Commissioner Needles: With your wife's mother? A Yes sir.  
Q By W.W. Hastings: A It was born after you commenced living with her as husband and wife? A Yes sir, I had the papers, before Judge Duncan, went before him.

Examined by Commissioner Needles:

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Always have.



Isaac Martin et al.

Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, I live here in  
Vinita.

Q Is this child living at this time? A Yes, she is living.

Com'r. Headless Isaac Martin applies for the enrollment of him-  
self and one child. His name is found upon the authenticated  
roll of 1890; his name is not upon the census roll of 1890,  
but it is upon the Korne-Clifton roll; he is duly identified  
according to age and number of the roll; the name of his child  
Bessie is upon the Korne-Clifton roll and fully identified.  
Satisfactory proof is made as to their residence and citi-  
zenship. Consequently Isaac Martin and his child Bessie will  
be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commis-  
sion to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and  
proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete  
transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M. D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 6, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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*John*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

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May 6, 1901  
Lima, Pa.  
Delaware

Owner's name

Year

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Parents:

Father

Mother

2. Name of wife

Owner's name

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Parents:

Father

Mother

Names of Children:

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Bessie Martin

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Application made by

Stenographer

M. D. Green

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of 1901.

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testimony and proceedings in this case and that the for 1901 is a  
correct copy of the original stenographic notes as correct and  
H.D. Green, being that this amount states that as stenographer to the

their birth, their names not being identified on any roll.  
for her to file with this Commission at the school of  
complete the enrollment of her 3 children if all be necessary  
be listed for enrollment as Charles Green; in order to  
change her name and her two children; for and wife; all  
three lived there at the present time; she is still iden-  
tified and that they were born in the Cherokee nation; and  
their enrollment; their names do not appear upon any roll;  
that she has two children, for and wife; and children for  
first of roll of 1880; she is now being deceased; she also was  
Rachel Ann; and their names are also found upon the enro-  
lment notes; she swears that she is a child of William and  
her name is identified upon the 1880 roll as Anna Ann; her  
the census roll of 1880; nor upon the Census-Enumeration roll;  
enrollment roll of 1880; her name cannot be found upon  
the enrollment roll of 1880; her name is found upon the

Yes sir.  
And you have always lived in the Cherokee nation; all your life;  
Living with your father; Yes sir.  
These two children are living; Yes sir.  
But don't give for the father; No sir.  
Did he give himself; Yes sir.

Examined by the Commission  
Did you ever go to the school of the Cherokee nation; Yes sir.  
Did you ever go to the school of the Cherokee nation; Yes sir.  
Did you ever go to the school of the Cherokee nation; Yes sir.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE CIVILIZED

Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, E.T., May 6, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Martin for the enrollment of herself and two children for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mary Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 38.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Salina.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman Representative of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled in any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money in any other tribe? A No sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A 3 children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Lora Martin.  
Q How old is Lora? A 8 years old.  
Q Next child? A Ruie Martin.  
Q How old is Ruie? A He is 7 years old.  
Q Are you married? A I have been married, but my husband is dead.  
Q What was your husband's name? A George Martin.  
Q What was your father's name? A William Vann Vann.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Rachel Vann.  
Q Is she living? A She is dead.  
Q Were you ever married before you were married to Mr. Martin?  
A No sir.  
Q Your name on the 1880 authenticated roll would be Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in Salina District? A No sir.  
Q What district did you live in 20 years ago? A My mother and father lived in Delaware District.  
Q Was your name always Vann until you married Martin? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 332 #2802 Mary Vann Delaware District.

- Q Are you enrolled in 1896 at all? A Well I can't exactly tell; my husband's name couldn't be found on the pay roll.  
Q Was your husband a freedman? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw Strip money in 1896? A No sir.  
Q Why didn't you draw your strip payment money? A My name couldn't be found on the roll; I drew one share off afterwards though.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant not found thereon.

- Q You recollect what year you were married to Martin? A No sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Never have lived out of it? A No sir.  
Q You didn't draw money for these children in the Strip payments?  
A No sir.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's children not found thereon.

Examined by Cherokee Representative, L. B. Bell.

- Q How did it happen you didn't get on that Kerns roll? A I don't know sir.



Mary Martin et al. v. U.S.

Q Did you ever apply to get on that 1895 census roll when they took the census? A My husband did for me.  
Q Did you apply to get on the 1895 roll? A My husband did for me.

Examined by Commission on Education.

Q Did he draw names for you? A Yes, sir.  
Q But couldn't draw for you? A No, sir.  
Q These two children are living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living with you? A Yes, sir.  
Q And you have always lived in the Cherokee Nation, all your life?  
A Yes, sir.

Com'r. Woodruff: The name of Mary Martin is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, her name cannot be found upon the census roll of 1895, nor upon the Burns-Birney roll; her name is identified upon the 1880 roll as Mary Vann, her maiden name; she avers that she is a child of William and Rachel Vann, and their names are also found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, they now being deceased; she also avers that she has two children, Lora and Rufe, and applies for their enrollment; their names do not appear upon any roll; she avers that they were born in the Cherokee Nation, and ~~have~~ lived there at the present time; she is fully identified, and makes a satisfactory proof as to residence; consequently Mary Martin and her two children, Lora and Rufe, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; in order to complete the enrollment of her 2 children it will be necessary for her to file with this Commission satisfactory proof of their birth, their names not being identified on any roll.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 7, 1901.

*A. H. Green*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MAY 1 1901



ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 21 1901  
Post Office Winta, D.C.  
District Saline

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Mary Martin Age 28  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year 1880 Page 337 No. 1807 District Delaware

Parents:

Father Wm Vain dead Citizenship Colored

Mother Rachel Vain " " Citizenship " "

Names of Children:

3. <u>Lora Martin</u>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
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Application made by No. 1

Stenographer W. D. Green

No. 1 on 1880 roll as Mary Vain  
Not on roll Page No.

B-H birth cert required

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Lora Martin*  
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved

May 9 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Lara Martin (Here insert name of child.) born on the 22 day of January, 1893  
Name of Father: George Martin a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Martin a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita Ok.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Arkham District. }

I, Mary Martin, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of George Martin, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 22 day of January, 1893 that said child has been  
named Lara Martin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

J.P. Bludsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Arkham District. }

I, Eliza Ledman, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Martin, wife of George Martin,  
on the 22 day of January, 1893 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Lara Martin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

J.P. Bludsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.



CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. *718*  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Quir Martin*  
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved, *May 9*

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN *RM* Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of *River Martin*, born on the *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*, 189*5*  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: *George Martin*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Mary Martin*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office, *Quinta, Ar.*

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*northern* District. }

I, *Mary Martin*, on oath state that I am *28*  
years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *George Martin*, who is a citizen, by  
*adoption*, of the *Cherokee* Nation, that a *male* child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*, 189*5*, that said child has been  
named *River Martin*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Mary Martin*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 190*1*.

*J. P. Blidson*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*northern* District. }

I, *Eliza Sedman*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Mary Martin*, wife of *George Martin*,  
on the *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*, 189*5*, that there was born to her on  
said date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named *River Martin*.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Eliza Sedman*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 190*1*.

*J. P. Blidson*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

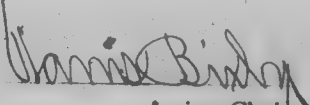
Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 25th, 1901.

To Mrs. Mary Martin,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of birth certificate in the matter of the application for enrollment of Rule Martin, son of George Martin and Mary Martin as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and the same has been duly filed.

Very respectfully,

  
Acting Chairman.

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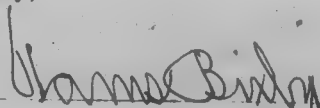
Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 25th, 1901.

To Mrs. Mary Martin,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of birth certificate in the matter of the application for enrollment of Lora Martin, daughter,  
of George Martin and Mary Martin  
as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and the same has been duly filed.

Very respectfully,

  
Acting Chairman.

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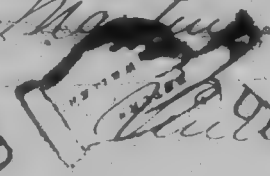
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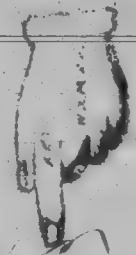
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Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 3, 1901.

True and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.  
Testimony in proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a  
Commissioner to the five Civil and Times he correctly records of the  
M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the

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enrollment of his child John, it will be necessary for him to  
and his children, James, Cicero and John will be first of all  
to residence; consequently Benjamin Langdon, his wife Alice,  
upon the roll, having been since the roll was completed;  
Kenna-Clifton roll, the roll was completed;  
his two children, James, Cicero, and John, is not found  
dram; but names goes to the Kenna-Clifton roll of 1896;  
reign name, and not to the Kenna-Clifton roll of 1896;  
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DEPARTMENT  
COMMISSION TO THE

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner in the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 2, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sherman Landrum for the enrollment of himself, wife and three children as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sherman Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A About 38 years old.  
Q What is your position? A Spavina.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you been recognized as such by the Cherokee nation?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Ever draw any money in any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife and three children.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Alice Landrum.  
Q How old is she? A About 29 years old.  
Q Is she a Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Lavina Landrum.  
Q How old is Lavina? A 12 years old.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Cicero.  
Q How old is Cicero? A About 2.  
Q Next one? A John Landrum.  
Q How old is John? A 6 years old.  
Q What was your wife's father's name? A Arthur Bean.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your wife's mother's name? A Lula Bean.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Alice your first wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you her first husband? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 646 #667 Sherman Landrum, Saline Dist, adopted colored;

- Q Did your wife have a sister named Patsy? A That's a sister of her mother I think.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 228 #327 Alice Bean, Delaware Dist, native colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicants and names not found thereon.

Kerns-Clifton pay bill of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 17 #428 Sherman Landrum Saline District,  
page 17 #429 Alice Landrum, Saline District,  
page 17 #430 Lavina Landrum Saline District,  
page 17 #431 Cicero Landrum, Saline District,

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicants' children and names not found.

- Q Are these children all living? A Yes sir.  
Q You and your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.

Com'r Needles: Sherman Landrum applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and three children; he is identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and the Kerns-Clifton roll; his name is not found upon the census roll of 1896; the name of his wife Alice is identified upon the authen-

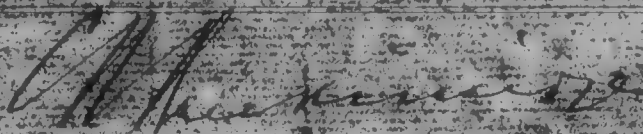


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list of roll of 1860 as Alice Pann, that having been her maiden name, and upon the Kerna Clifton roll as Alice Pann, her name has been given upon the rescue roll of 1910, his two children, having been enrolled upon the Kerna Clifton roll, his child, John, is not found upon the roll, having been born since the roll was compiled, they are all duly identified, and a satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Sherman Laddam, his wife Alice, and his children, Lestina, Emma and John will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, in order to complete the enrollment of his child John, it will be necessary for him to file satisfactory proof of his birth.

A. D. Green, being first duly sworn, deposes that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 2, 1901.



Commissioner

6 CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 74

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

John Landrum  
us citizen of  
CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved

May 14 1901

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MAY 14 1901

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of John Landrum, born on the 23rd day of Jan, 1896  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Sherman Landrum, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Alice Landrum, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Spavinaw, Okla.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Alice Landrum, on oath state that I am 29  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption col, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Sherman Landrum, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 23rd day of Jan, 1896; that said child has been  
named John Landrum, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Caroline Landrum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Alice Landrum, wife of Sherman Landrum  
on the 23rd day of Jan, 1896; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named John Landrum.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

W. H. Blean  
Geo Bailey

Caroline Landrum  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

Post Office

District

May 8, 1901.

Spartan, D.C.

Saline

1. Name

Sherman Randrum

Age 36

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

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District

Saline

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Alice Randrum

Age 24

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Arthur Bean

Citizenship

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Mother

Fula

Citizenship

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Names of Children:

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Summa Randrum

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Application made by

No. 1

Stenographer

M. D. Green

No. 1 on KE roll Page 17 No. 428, Saline Dist

No. 2 on 1880 roll as Alice Bean

No. 3 on KE roll Page 17 No. 429, Saline Dist

No. 4 " KE " as Summa Randrum

No. 5. Birth certificate required





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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of 1901.

True and lawful transcript of the foregoing notes taken at the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a Commission to the said Civilized Indians as M.D. Green, before that said and as stated that a stenographer to the

Went as Charles Freeman.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE CIVILIZED INDIANS  
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Department of the Interior  
Transmitted to the Civilized Indians  
White, E. F., May 6, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Cornelius Austin for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner McCall, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Cornelius Austin.  
Q How old are you? A Something of my age I don't know; I don't know what it is on the roll there.  
Q About how old? A About 32.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Virginia.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A My wife.  
Q Any children? A No sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Mary.  
Q What is her age? A 22.  
Q Have you and your wife been recognized as Cherokee Freedmen?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled either of you by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Ever draw any money from any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Your names found upon the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's father's name? A Nelson Moore.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Rose Moore.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Mary your first wife? A No sir.  
Q You have been married before? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you Mary's first husband? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever go by any other name besides Austin? A No sir, my grandmother always enrolled me Neal Austin, Cornelius Austin.  
Q Is that your name now, Austin? A Yes sir, I was enrolled by Winnie Ratliff.  
Q What is your father's name? A Tom Austin.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Eliza Tucker.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Your mother married a man named Tucker since your father's death?  
A Yes sir.  
Q What is your grandmother's name? A Winnie Ratliff.  
Q Who is Ruth? A My aunt.  
Q And Winnie? A My grandmother.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 306 #2168 Neely Ratliff, Delaware Dist, native colored.  
page 205 #1607 Mary Moore, Delaware Dist, native colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name not identified thereon.

- Q Did you draw Strip money? A Yes sir.  
Q Under what name? A Cornelius Austin.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife identified thereon as follows:  
page 634 #93 Mary J. Moore, Delaware District.

- Q When were you married? A Last December.

Kerna-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 116 #2802 Cornelius Austin, (No district given.)

- Q Your father die since 1880? A He was No sir, he didn't die in this country; he was a merchant & a native of this country.  
Q Have you any children? A No sir.  
Q You and your wife always lived in the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.

Cornelius Austin

1. Live in the Cherokee nation
2. Never lived out of it

Don't need a. The name of Cornelius Austin is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Neely Batolier. He avers that he was enrolled at that time by his grandmother who enrolled him in her name which was Batolier. His name is found upon the Census of 1880. He avers that he was married to one Mary Moore, and the name of said Mary Moore is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1880. They are both dead and his satisfactory proof of it is on file in the office of the Commissioner of the Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D. Brown, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Brown*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 7, 1901.

*C. M. Austin*

Commissioner



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 6, 1901

Vinita, Okla.

Delaware

1. Name

Cornelius Austin

Age 37

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

2168

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

John Austin dead

Citizenship

Solved

Mother

Eliza Tucker living

Citizenship

"

2. Name of wife

Mary Austin

Age 27

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

1667

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Jelson Moore living

Citizenship

Solved

Mother

Rose

"

"

Citizenship

"

Names of Children:

3.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
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Application made by

No 1

Stenographer

W. H. Green

No 1 on 1880 roll as Healy Ratchiff  
 No 1 on 1880 roll Page 115 No 2867, as Cornelia Austin — Dist  
 No 7 on 1880 roll as Mary Moore  
 No 7 on 1892 roll Page 634 No 93, as Mary J. Moore,  
 Delaware Dist.

Wahlgren, Indian Territory, August 9, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 21, 1905 (I.T.D. 2184-1905), June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 2240-1905), October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 2222-1905), and January 12, 1906 (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 226 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are inclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons.

The number of the enrollment card on which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
80	176	John Widifor
72	227	Frances T. Hamblen
82	2224	Ellen May Hamphill
121	269	Houston E. Jones
121	427	Martin J. Jones
124	446	Mattie Cyphalia Baker
127	460	Franklin R. Frazier
2221	7079	Anna Hays
2224	7085	Mary E. Dubois

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Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
2229	7003	William L. Rogers
2232	7106	Willie V. Gibson
2231	7230	Louise F. Cunningham
2231	7244	Bala F. Cunningham
2217	7215	Evaline Igman
2244	7261	Lennie Murphy
2246	20033	Ellie F. Melton
2207	7407	Minnie E. Vance
2220	7217	Sam H. Payne
2243	7277	Jacob W. Olson
2112	7201	Louis L. Dennis
2100	7216	Imogene Little
2219	7220	Malissa Chick Hendryx
2224	2171	Bessie J. Hensley
2226	2100	Augustus Nichols
2224	2227	Reoline Washington
2206	2200	Sam D. Blakemore
2403	2316	Myrtle O. Flint
2411	2334	James H. Glenn
2444	2412	Boulak Roseborough
2446	2420	Chas. W. Horn
2442	2421	Eva Elizabeth Montgomery
2217	2224	Minnie F. Thompson
2232	2004	Ellie J. Spears
2232	2002	Ava J. Spears
2243	2234	Bella McAffrey
2200	2706	Len F. Cheateen
2220	2717	Henry Tynen
2200	2740	Lucy Rager
2200	2720	Joe McK. Sharp
2274	2927	Nevada E. Davidson
2222	2922	Julia Dushane
2701	2996	Samie Comfort
2721	2024	James F. Norton
2722	2000	Ellie Nichols
2722	2001	Poly Nichols
2722	2126	Isaac Whitteer
2222	2324	Len V. Highsmith
2222	2422	David Walker
2234	2424	Archie E. Kingston
2242	2227	Bumett G. Fields
2222	20102	Winnie E. Shook
2221	2204	Harold Perkins
2122	2242	Rexey H. Mantesth
2127	2240	Clare Hicks

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Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
4145	10000	Arthur H. Lamm
4150	10020	Samuel D. Marlow
4190	10110	Eliza A. Brew
4800	11010	Minora Hall
4900	11700	William B. Tiley
4422	12010	Kora Ketcher
7037	12007	Dudley Tanner
7300	17371	Mary J. Stewart
7470	17300	Cicero Wright
7804	17700	Johnny Small
10424	20000	Ethel M. Yost
10770	21000	Henry A. Blasingame

Cherokee Freedmen.

Card No.	Roll No.	Name
704	1748	Rosa Howe
715	1700	Mary Austin

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 4340-1905), and October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12220-1905), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee Advocate" and "The Vinita Republican", both weekly newspapers of general circulation, the former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Vinita, Indian Territory, in the Recording District in which the above named persons are

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shown to have resided at the time of their death. The first issue of this publication in "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 5, and the first issue in "The Vinita Republican" was on March 9, 1904. Attention was called to Section 21 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that the Commissioner would, at the expiration of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1904, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known postoffice advising the information received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said person as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.



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No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1902, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

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August 22, 1906.

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The Honorable ,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, forwarding affidavits as to the deaths of certain persons whose names appear on a partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Bixby refers to Departmental letters of May 31, (I.T.D. 5186-1905), June 2, (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 284 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the Department's instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with, and no information having been received that any one of the persons enumerated in his report was living on September 1, 1902, he recommends that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the

Department and this Office, and that he be authorized to  
strike these names from the copies of the approved partial  
rolls in his possession, and that the application for their  
enrollment as citizens of the United States be dismissed.

The applicants have been examined in this Office, and  
are transmitted herewith, the Office concurring in the Commissioner's  
recommendation.

Very respectfully,

J. E. Lapp.

Commissioner.

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I.T.D. 14716-1906.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

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August 29, 1906.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you forwarded affidavits as to the deaths of 60 persons whose names appear on the approved rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that you be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, you having complied with departmental instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons.

Reporting August 23, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs, and you are authorized to strike the names of said persons from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Roll No.

Name.

176  
227  
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John Hildister  
Francis T. Raulston  
Elen May Tompkins

# Marriages by Blood.

Roll No.

Name.

339	Haughton L. Jones
437	Martin J. Jones
448	Kattie Cynthia Baker
440	Franklin H. Frasier
7079	Anna Hays
7083	Mary H. Dubois
7093	William L. Rogers
7146	Willie F. Gibson
7230	Louisa F. Cunningham
7244	Eula F. Cunningham
7310	Evaline Lyman
7391	Lennie Murphy
30033	Ollie F. Malten
7467	Minnie B. Vance
7517	Susan E. Payne
7577	Jacob W. Olson
7701	Louis L. Dennis
7816	Imogene Little
7930	<del>Malissa Chick Hendryx</del>
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8171	Bessie J. Housley
8180	Augustus Nichols
8267	Emeline Washington
8300	Susan D. Blakemore
8316	Myrtle O. Flint
8334	Jesse H. Glenn
8413	Boulah Roseborough
8420	Chas. Wm. Horn
8451	Eva Elizabeth Montgomery
8534	Minnie F. Thompson
8604	Ollie J. Spears
8605	Iva J. Spears
8634	Rella McAffrey
8706	Len F. Chouteau
8717	Henry Tynen
8749	Lucy Sager
8750	Joe McK. Sharp.
8927	Nevada M. Davidson
8953	Julia Dushane
8996	Bessie Comfort
9084	James F. Birten
9090	Olie Nichols
9091	Poly Nichols
9156	Isaac Whitdeer
9354	Lena V. Highsmith
9492	David Walker.



**Charleaux by Roll.**

<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Name.</b>
9494	Archie E. Clarkson
9527	Samuel G. Fields
95176	Minnie M. Smith
9504	Harold Perkins
9943	Robert M. Hammett
9960	Clara Hicks
10006	Arthur E. Jones
10020	Samuel B. Harlan
10119	Ellen A. Brew
11612	Elmira Kelley
11722	William E. Wiley
12816	Hera Gitcher
16207	Dudley Tanner
17371	Mary J. Stewart
17638	Clara Wright
17752	Johnnie Smith
20720	Ethel M. East
21222	Henry A. Blasingame.

**Charleaux Freedmen.**

<b>Roll No.</b>	<b>Name.</b>
1748	Rosa Love
1760	Mary Austin.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson.

Assistant Secretary.

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Cherokee F.

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Waskage, Indian Territory, September 22, 1906.

Cornelius Austin,

Vinita, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

In connection with the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of your wife, Mary Austin, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that her name was stricken from the approved roll of freedmen of the Cherokee Nation and the application for her enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior August 29, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Specimen returned for Joseph Smith

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Commissioner



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 3, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sherman Landrum for the enrollment of his ward, JOSEPH SUTTON, an Obeysa Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sherman Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A 36.  
Q What is your post-office? A Spavinaw.  
Q Do you desire to have enrolled? A Joseph Sutton.  
Q How old is he? A 18 years old.  
Q Are you his legal guardian? A Yes sir.  
Q What is his father's name? A Lewis Sutton.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What is his mother's name? A Katie Sutton.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q How long has Lewis Sutton been dead? A He has been dead about 17 years as near as I can remember.  
Q And Katie, his mother? A I don't know exactly how long she has been dead.  
Q What is this boy's post-office? A Spavinaw.  
Q Do you know Sallie Sutton? A Yes sir, she is a half-sister of Joseph Sutton.  
Q Older than Joseph? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she living? A No sir, she is dead.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:

page 667 #1126 Lewis Sutton Saline District adopted colored;

- Q What was Katie Sutton's name before she married Lewis Sutton?  
A Katie Shaw, or Katie Lynch.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and Katie Sutton identified as follows:

page 645 #673 Katy Lynch, Saline District.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and Joseph Sutton name not identified thereon.

- Q Did you draw Strip money for this boy? A Yes sir.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's ward identified as follows:  
page 18 #440 Joe Sutton, Saline District.

- Q Joseph Sutton living now? A Yes sir.  
Q Has he always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: Applicant applies for the enrollment of his ward, Joseph Sutton, 18 years of age, and the name of said Joseph Sutton is found upon the Kerns-Clifton roll, but cannot be found upon the census roll of 1896; applicant avers that he is a child of Lewis and Katie Sutton; now deceased, and the name of said Lewis Sutton is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; the name of the mother of said Joseph Sutton, to-wit: Katie, ~~xxxxx~~ is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Katie Lynch, and is duly identified as the mother of said Joseph Sutton; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Joseph Sutton will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a



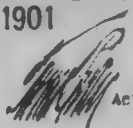


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 6, 1901

Post Office

Spartan, S.C.

District

Saline

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Lewis Sutton

dead

Citizenship

Colored

Mother

Kate

Citizenship

Names of Children:

Joseph Sutton

Year

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Dist.

Saline

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Application made by

Sherman Landrum

Stenographer

M. D. Green

On R.C. roll as Joe Sutton

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D. C. NOV. 28, 1902

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Joseph Sutton as a Cherokee Freedman:

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT.

An examination of the 1880 authenticated tribal roll of the  
Cherokee Nation shows that the mother of Joseph Sutton is identified  
thereon, at page 445, #673, Galina District, as Katy Lynch.

It is ordered that copies of this statement be filed with  
and made a part of the record in this case.

C. R. Buckner  
Commissioner.





EXHIBIT as to the fact and date of birth of

Department of the Interior  
Commission on the Five Civilized Tribes  
Vinita, I. T., May 6, 1904

In the matter of the application of Charles J. Lynch for the  
recognition of himself, wife and one child as Cherokee Freedmen,  
being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified  
as follows:

- Q Give your full name? A Charles J. Lynch  
Q How old are you? A 30  
Q What is your position? A Vinita, presently  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Ever since I  
was born  
Q All your life? A Yes sir  
Q Are you regularly recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Simon Lynch  
Q Is he dead? A No sir, he is living  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Nancy Lynch  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir  
Q How long has she been dead? A A year and a half ever since the first  
day of the year and first day of the month  
Q Give me the name of this child for whom you apply? A Emily Bell  
Lynch  
Q How old is the child? A I don't know exactly, I have got her  
age down in the Bible, I think she is about eight years old.  
The child is living now? A Yes sir  
Q Give me the name of the mother of this child? A Ary Lynch  
Q Is she dead? A No sir  
Q Is she your wife? A Yes sir  
Q She living with you now? A Yes sir  
Q Why don't you apply for her? A She is a state woman  
Q Yes, but she is your wife, she may have a right by intermarriage;  
how old is she? A She is forty-two years of age  
Q When did you marry her? A I couldn't tell you  
Q Well, as near as you can come to it  
Q Eight or nine years ago, I guess  
Q How long had you been married to her when this child Emily was  
born? A At the time that child was born I wasn't married to her,  
living with her and they got up a family excitement about this  
living together, and I went and got a license and married her  
Q The child Emily is your child? A Yes sir  
Q You had been living with the woman? A Oh, quite a while before  
she was born; this new law come in and commenced scaring us up,  
and we went and got license and married  
Q She is not a Cherokee of her own right? A No sir  
Q She is an outside woman altogether? A Yes sir  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A No sir  
Q Didn't she ever live with any man before she lived with you? A  
Not that I know of  
Q How long did you and she live together before this child was born?  
A I don't know, couple of three years  
Q Were you ever married except to this woman? A Yes sir  
Q How many times? A Once

- Q To whom were you married first? A I was married to a girl named Amy West.
- Q Were you married by a preacher? A Yes sir, Methodist Preacher.
- Q Is she alive or dead? A She is alive.
- Q Did you ever get a divorce from her? A No sir.
- Q Did she possess any Cherokee rights of her own self, or was she an outside woman? A She has got rights.
- Q Have you any children by that wife? A Yes sir, I have two one is dead, the other one is living.
- Q Is that child with its mother? A Yes sir.
- Q She will apply for it? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant found thereon as follows:

Page 645, #686 Charles Lynch, Saline Dist, adopted colored.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:

Page 632, #80 Charles T. Lynch, Delaware District.

1896 census roll examined for Amy Lynch and name not found.

- Q What has become of Nancy? A She is with her mother.
- Q That's the other child? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant child identified as follows:

Page 632 #83 Emma Lynch, Delaware District.

- Q You say you never got a divorce from your wife, Amy? A No sir, she is married long before I did.
- Q Yes, but you got no divorce from her? A No sir.
- Q What preacher married you and your wife, Amy? A Methodist Preacher in Fort Gibson. I don't remember his name; I hadn't known him but a short time.
- Q You did not draw Cherokee Strip money for your wife, Amy? A No sir.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and one child; the applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life; and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he testifies that his wife is a state woman, and that he married her some eight years ago, though his former testimony would indicate that he has not been married to his present wife so long as that; it is shown, however, that he was formerly married to one Amy West, that they separated and that he never procured a divorce from his first wife; his present wife is not upon any roll, and if she were, she could not be enrolled at this time, because she possesses no right of herself, and her husband is shown not to have been divorced from his former wife, who is still living; therefore, the application for the enrollment of the applicant's wife, Amy Lynch, is rejected.

As for the application for the child, Emily B. Lynch, the child is identified on the roll of 1896, and is living at

this time, it was born prior to the present marriage to his present wife, and as the child was born after the marriage, the child, being born after their marriage, could not be considered as the mother has no right in herself, and as the applicant was never divorced from her first wife, this child can not possess any right arising from the present marriage, therefore, the child, Emily S. Lynch, will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman of a rejected wife.

H. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

(Signed) H. D. GREEN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 3, 1901.

C. R. BRECKINRIDGE,  
Commissioner.

Josie Davis, stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, upon her oath states: That the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original testimony in the matter of the application of Charles J. Lynch, et al., for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, taken at Kinita, Indian Territory, on the 6th day of May, 1901, now on file with the Commission.

*Josie Davis*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this December 10, 1904.

*J. H. Campbell*  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.



MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 6, 1901  
 Post Office Sumter, S.C.  
 District Delaware

1. Name Charles J. Lynch Age 40  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 645 No. 655 District Delaware

Parents:  
 Father Simon Lynch - living Citizenship Ch. Freed  
 Mother Nancy " - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age 42  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

1. <u>Emily B. Lynch</u>	Year <u>1880</u>	Page <u>645</u>	No. <u>655</u>	Dist. <u>Del.</u>
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Application made by Ms. 1 Stenographer M. D. Green

1 On 1880 roll as Charles Lynch  
 1 " 1886 " Page 632 No. 180 - Del.  
~~2 " 1886 " as Emma Lynch~~

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
at Fort. T. B. May 26, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lige Rider for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lige Rider.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know sir my age.  
Q Well as near as you can count? A Some where about 13 or 14.  
Q What is your birthplace? A Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A I live in Cowwescowee.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been raised in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Lived here all your life have you? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you a recognized freedman? A the Cherokee Nation? A Yessir.  
Q Have you always been admitted to the rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Jack Ratliff.  
Q He is dead is he? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Rachel.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
Q ~~Explain to me how you were a slave before the war~~ You were a slave before the war were you? A Yes sir.  
Q To whom did you belong before the war? A Belonged to Tom Rider.  
Q Where did he live? A He lived up there on Grand River.  
Q He was a Cherokee citizen was he? A Yes sir.  
Q You say your wife is dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Going on two years this coming August.  
Q What was her name? A Lucy Rider.  
Q How long had you and she been married? A Since before the war.

1890 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 166 #2447 Lige Rider, Cowwescowee Dist, adopted colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 415 #410 Lige Rider, Cowwescowee District.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1890 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 7, 1901.

*Commissioner*

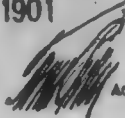
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 6, 1901

Post Office

Chattanooga, Tenn.

District

Brownsville

1. Name

Lige Rider

Age 74

Owner's name

Thomas Rider

Citizenship

Cher.

Year

1870

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No. 2447

District

Brownsville

Parents:

Father

Jack Patchiff - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Rachel " - dead

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Stenographer

M. O. Green

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 3, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Joseph Bean for the enrollment of himself, wife and two children as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, he testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Joseph Bean.  
Q Have you any middle name? A No sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled, just yourself? A Myself and wife, and two children.  
Q How old are you? A About thirty years old.  
Q What is your post-office? A Spavinaw.  
Q In what district are you living? A Salina.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Since All my life; born and raised there.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Jahn Bean.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir, he is living.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Mahala Bean.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir, she is dead.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A About 18 or 19 years I think.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A Hattie Bean.  
Q How old is your wife? A She is about 29 I think; I don't know her age exactly.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she lived in the Cherokee Nation? A She was born here.  
Q Lived here all her life? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Dan Tucker was her father.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir, he is living.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Her mother was named Susan Martin, Susan Tucker.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir, she is dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She died when she was a baby, her grandmother raised her, Juno Martin.  
Q Was your wife enrolled in 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she enrolled as a Martin or a Tucker? A Martin.  
Q Went by her grandmother's name? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you and your wife married? A We was married in 1887 I think.  
Q Have you a certificate of marriage? A No sir.  
Q Is there anybody here that knows you have been living together as husband and wife? A Yes sir, her aunty is here that raised her, Amy Bean.

AMY BEAN, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Amy Bean.  
Q How old are you? A 45 year old.  
Q What is your post-office? A Vinita.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know this applicant here? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of his wife? A Hattie Bean now.  
Q Is she kin to you? A Yes sir, I am her aunt; I raised her, me and her grandma.  
Q What is her grandmother's name? A Juno Martin.  
Q When was this woman Hattie and this man Joe Bean, when were they married? A I disremember the year.  
Q About how long ago? A It has been about 14 years ago I think.  
Q Have they lived together ever since as husband and wife? A Yes sir.

APPLICANT recalled and further examined by Com'r Breckinridge

Joseph Bean et al.

- Q Now give me the names of your two children? A Isaac Bean.  
Q How old is Isaac? A 12 years old.  
Q Next child? A Ethel Bean.  
Q How old is that child? A She is 10 years old.  
Q That's all is it? A Yes sir.  
Q Are these children both living? A Yes sir.

1880 authorized roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 619 #161 Joseph Bean, Saline District, adopted colored;  
page 283 #1621 Hattie Martin, Delaware District, native colored.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant and wife not found thereon, neither the names of their two children.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 12 #294 Joseph Bean, Saline District;  
page 12 #292 Hattie Bean, nee Martin, Delaware District;  
page 12 #295 Isaac Bean, Saline District;  
page 12 #296 Ethel Bean, Saline District.

Commissioner Breckinridge: Applicant applied for the enrollment of himself, his wife and two children; the children applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns-Clifton roll; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

His wife is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns-Clifton roll; her change of name arising from marriage is established by the testimony of the applicant and by that of an aunt of his wife; his wife, Hattie Bean, will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The two children, Isaac and Ethel Bean, are both duly identified on the Kerns-Clifton roll; they are living and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

J. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 7, 1901.

*C. A. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

F. J. D.  
MAR 6 1901

 ACTING CHAIRMAN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 6, 1911

Post Office

Shawnee, Ind.

District

Saline

1. Name

Joseph Bean

Age 31

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

161

District

Saline

Parents:

Father

Jake Bean - living

Citizenship

Mother

Mahala - - - dead

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Hattie Bean

Age 29

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1870

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No.

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District

Del

Parents:

Father

Dan Tucker - living

Citizenship

Mother

Lucie - - - dead

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3. Isaac Bean

Year

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4. Ethel "

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Application made by

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Stenographer

M. D. Green

1 On roll P. 12 # 294 Saline

2 On 1870 roll as Hattie Martin

2 " 1870 roll Page 2 # 292 Del.



Specifically, the authors note that the

fine and complete transcript of his personal life and his testimony and proceedings in this case and that it is intended to be a contribution to the five classified tapes he collected. "George M.D. (Green) being five years old, stated that he and his mother

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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various positions in the various departments of the Government, and who will now be placed in the various positions:

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 And how many people live there? One time when you were a child, a neighbor  
 brought you a cat.  
 What have lived in your house? I don't know. I don't eat just local-  
 here in the Chesapeake Bay. I eat what I want.  
 And when did you first live in this house? I don't know. I don't know.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Chickasaw, Ind. May 6, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Alsey Thompson for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Brackinridge, who testified as follows:

- Q Give us your name? A Alsey Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 31 years old.  
Q What is your post-office? A Spawina.  
Q In what district do you live? A Saline District.  
Q Who is it you want to have enrolled? A Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Bill Gudge.  
Q Is he alive? A No sir, he has been dead ever since I was a little baby.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Jinny Landrum.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir, she is living.  
Q Have you ever been married? A Yes sir.  
Q How many times? A Just once.  
Q To whom were you married? A Jordan Thompson.  
Q Is he alive? A No sir, he is dead.  
Q When did you marry him? A Well I couldn't tell you exactly but we lived together 20 years after we married.  
Q How long has he been dead? A Eight years this last May 2nd, day of May.  
Q So you were married about 28 years ago? A Yes sir.  
Q Isn't your name Thompson at this time? A Yes sir, I guess / my name is on the roll as Thompson, yes sir, my name is Alsey Thompson now.

1860 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 645 #662 Alsey Landrum, Saline District, adopted colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant not identified thereon.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant not identified thereon.

Applicant: I didn't draw any money.

- Q How did it happen that you didn't draw any money? A I don't know sir; they said they couldn't find my name.

SHERMAN LANDRUM, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Brackinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sherman Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A 38.  
Q What is your post-office? A Spawina.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know this applicant here? A Yes sir.  
Q What is his name? A Alsey Thompson.  
Q How well do you know him? A Yes sir.  
Q What kin? A He is my first cousin.  
Q What was his name before it was Thompson? A Landrum.  
Q How long have you known him? A All my life.  
Q Do you remember when he married this man Thompson? A No sir, that's further back than I can remember.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I don't know exactly, how long; he has been dead about 7 or 8 years I guess.  
Q Did they live together from the earliest time you can remember down to 7 or 8 years ago, when he died? A Yes sir.



Q And where did they live? A They lived in Grand River  
here in the Cherokee Nation. Q Now, did they  
live there from your earliest recollection? A Yes, Sir.  
Q And how long ago was that time when you were about a year  
old? A Now, old are you? A 30 years old.

Commissioner Brockington: The applicant is a female  
on the roll of 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman; she is enrolled  
under her maiden name with her mother. Her name of birth and  
age from her marriage and her continued residence in the  
Cherokee Nation since 1880, is established by her own and other  
personal testimony, and she will now be listed for enrollment  
as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the  
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*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 7, 1901.

*C. A. Mendenhall*

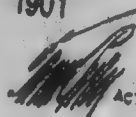
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
FIELD  
MAY 6 1901

 ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 6, 1901

Post Office

Shawman, S. C.

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Saline

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Stenographer

M. P. Green

Mr. C. F. Pollis Clay Landrum

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Tahlequah, I. T., September 1, 1904.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY:

In the matter of the application of Alsey Thompson for enrollment of herself as Cherokee Freedman.

Johnson Vann, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Johnson Vann.  
Q. How old are you? A. About 49 years old.  
Q. What is your Postoffice? A. Cheuteau.  
Q. Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Are you married? A. Yes sir, that is my wife.  
Q. Have you married since your enrollment? A. Yes sir.  
Q. What is the name of your wife? A. Alsey Thompson.  
Q. When were you and she married? A. Last September a year ago.  
Q. Do you remember the day of the month? A. No sir.  
Q. Are you and she living together now? A. Yes sir.

Clinton W. Myers, being sworn, states that as stenographer for the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes taken therein.

*Clinton W. Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 1 day of September, 1904.

*J. C. Doe*  
Notary Public.



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 7th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Squire Blair for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn by Commissioner J. C. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q That is your name? A Squire Blair.  
Q How old are you? A 38.  
Q What is your post office address? A Nowhere.  
Q In what district do you live? A Saline.  
Q Who is it that you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a freedman of any other tribes?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other Nation? A No sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1866? A Yes sir.

The 1866 roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified therein as follows:  
Page 215, No 38, Squire Blair, Saline district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1138 No. 15, Squire Blair, Saline district.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles,--

The name of Squire Blair is found on the authenticated roll of 1866 as well as the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. J. Walco, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas. J. Walco*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 7th of May, 1901, at Vinita, I. T.



Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 7, 1901

Post Office

Spartanburg S.C.

District

Saline

1. Name

Squire Blair

Age

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Parents:

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

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Application made by

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On 1896 roll, Page 1139 #13 Saline.



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Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May, 7th 1901

In the matter of the application of Jennie Buford for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn by Gen'y F. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Jennie Hardiman.  
Q How old are you? A. I don't know exactly, think I am 31.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you apply as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money as a Freedman of any other Nation? A. No sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Two children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A. Johnson Buford.  
Q How old is he? A. 14.  
Q Name of the next child? A. Walter Buford.  
Q How old? A. 16.  
Q Are you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A. Buford.  
Q Then your name is Buford and not Hardiman? A. Yes that is my name now.  
Q Is your husband's a citizen? A. No sir.  
Q What is the name of your father? A. Monroe Hardiman.  
Q Is she living? A. No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Anaky Hardiman.  
Q Is she living? A. No sir.

The 1896 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 264, No. 1178, Jinnie Hardiman, Delaware district.

- Q Were you enrolled in 1896 on the census roll? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did you get your strip money? A. Yes sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Kerns Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 25, No. 570, Jinnie Buford, Delaware district.  
Page 25, No. 578, Johnson Buford, Delaware district.  
Page 25, No. 571, Walter Buford, Delaware district.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q All your life? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are these children alive and living with you now? A. Yes sir.  
Q You say your father is dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. I don't know, I was quite small.  
Q Was it before 1880? A. I don't know.  
Q Your mother, is she living? A. I don't know, just when she died but she is dead.  
Q Don't you recollect her? A. No sir I was small.

By Gen'y Needles,--

Jennie Buford applies for the enrollment of herself and two children, Johnson and Walter Buford. Her name is identified on the authenticated roll of 1880, and on the Kerns Clifton pay roll as they are not identified on the census roll of the Cherokee Nation of 1896; the names of her two children are also identified on the Kerns Clifton pay roll. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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( By Cherokee Nation )

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4. Is he living? A. He is.
5. Do you know Joseph ... brother?

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 in the above cases and that the foregoing is a full and correct transcript  
 of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas. W. Webb*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 17th of May, 1901 at ...  
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*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., March 31, 1903.

In the matter of the application of JENNIE BUFORD, for the enrollment of herself and her children JOHNSON and WALTER BUFORD as Cherokee Freedmen.

JENNIE BUFORD, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

- Q State your name? A Jennie Buford.
- Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly my age, I guess I am about thirty six or seven years old.
- Q Are you that old? A I don't know, I am just guessing.
- Q You were enrolled as thirty one; you are about thirty three years old. A The only way I know, I was born in 1867.
- Q Well, better put it thirty six then; what is your post office? A Vinita.
- Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q You are on the 1880 roll? A Yes sir.
- Q What district? A Delaware District.
- Q Have you any children? A Yes sir.
- Q What are their names? A Johnson and Walter.
- Q How old are they? A Walter is eighteen past and Johnson is sixteen last October.
- Q Who is the father of these two children? A Robert Foster.
- Q Who is Phillip Buford? A That's my husband at the present time.
- Q And the father of these two children is Robert Foster? A Yes sir.
- Q Is he living? A Yes sir.
- Q Is he a Freedman? A Yes sir, he claims to be.
- Q He is an applicant to be enrolled as a Freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q Were you ever married to Robert Foster? A No sir.
- Q But you are the mother of these two children? A Yes sir.
- Q What is your present husband's name? A Phillip Buford.
- Q He is not a citizen? A No sir.
- Q When were you married to Phillip Buford? A Married in 1891.
- Q These two children were just little babies at that time? A Yes sir, they were small.
- Q Have these children always been known by the name of Buford? A Yes sir.
- Q Even before you were married? A No, I gave them my name, I never did enroll my children on the Wallace roll, and their daddy wanted to enroll them, and they wouldn't let him enroll them in his name.
- Q Have the children always been known as Buford? A Yes sir.
- Q That is the way you want them enrolled? A Yes sir, that's the way I want them enrolled.
- Q Have you any children by your present husband? A No sir.
- Q These two children have always lived with you have they? A Yes sir.
- Q They are still living with you? A Yes sir, they are still living with me.



E. C. Bagwell, on oath, stated that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Jews of the United States, he has accurately recorded the testimony and proceedings and is the author of the foregoing, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. C. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 20, 1963

*Samuel J. Freeman*

Notary Public



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Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Washington, D. C., May 9, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Lynch for the enrollment of himself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. M. Donahoe, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William Lynch.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Lynch? A 39 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Nowvinsaw.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you drawn money from any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll yourself? A Three children.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Mary Lynch.  
Q Is she a citizen? A No sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Maria.  
Q How old is Maria? A 19 years old.  
Q What is the name of the next child? A William, Jr.  
Q How old is William? A Eight.  
Q The name of the next one? A Corinne.  
Q How old is she? A She's three months old.  
Q Is that all the children? A That is all.  
Q Have you any certificate of marriage to your wife? A No sir.  
Q Were you ever married before you married her? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Mary Lynch the mother of these children? A She is the mother of the youngest one.  
Q What was your first wife's name? A Alice.  
Q Was she a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her name before you married her? A Walker; Alice Blythe she went by.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you divorced from her? A Yes sir.  
Q You say she was a citizen? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 645, No. 686, Wm. Lynch, Saline District.

- Q Is Simon Lynch any relation to you? A He is my father.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw strip money? A Yes sir.

The Korns Olifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

- Page 17, No. 425, William Lynch, Saline District.  
Page 17, No. 426, Maria Lynch, Saline District.  
Page 17, No. 427, Willie Lynch, Saline District.

- Q Was your first wife's name on the roll of 1880? A I don't know whether it is or not.  
Q What was her father's name? A I don't know her father.  
Q Do you know her mother? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her name? A Abbie Blythe.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Monroe Blythe? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he any relation to your wife? A No sir.  
Q Were you married to her? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got any proof of your marriage? A Yes sir.

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Q. There is it? A. There are people more than know it. The  
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Isaac Smith, being sworn and examined by Commissioner T.B.  
Hedder, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Isaac Smith.  
Q. How old are you? A. 30.  
Q. What is your profession? A. Farmer.  
Q. Are you a Freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Do you know William Lynch? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Did you know his first wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q. What was her name? A. Alice Blythe.  
Q. Were they married or not? A. They were.  
Q. How do you know it? A. The way I know it is by the people;  
I never saw them married.  
Q. Did they live together as man and wife? A. Yes sir, I have  
been to the house.  
Q. How long did they live together as man and wife? A. About  
seven or eight years.  
Q. Did they have any children? A. Yes sir, a couple.  
Q. What are their names? A. I don't know their names; they had a  
boy and a girl.  
Q. Born to them while they were living together as man and wife?  
A. Yes sir.

Applicant recalled—

Q. You say you were divorced from your first wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Have you any proof of the divorce? A. Judge Burrington, at Saline  
Court House.  
Q. Were you married to your second wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Got any proof of that? A. The Elder is right here in town that  
married me.  
Q. These children all living? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q. Never lived out of it? A. No sir.  
Q. These children born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes  
sir.  
Q. What was your present wife's name before you married her? A.  
Teener.

William Lynch applies for the enrollment of himself and three  
children, Maria, William, Jr., and Corinne. His name is found  
upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and upon the Kerns Clifton  
Pay Roll, and is duly identified as the applicant. He avers that  
he was first married to one Alice Blythe, from whom he was  
divorced, but presents no certificate of divorce. He makes  
satisfactory proof of his marriage to said Alice Blythe by  
whom he had two children, Maria and William, Jr., and their  
names are found upon the Kerns Clifton Roll. He avers that  
since the divorce from his first wife, Alice, he has since  
married one Mary Teener, a non citizen, by whom he has one  
child, named Corinne, three months of age, but presents no  
proof of marriage. Parties are all duly identified and make  
satisfactory proof as to residence. The said William Lynch  
and his two children, Maria and William, Jr., will be listed  
for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; and his youngest child,  
Corinne, will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman  
when he files with this Commission satisfactory proof of his  
divorce from his former wife, and satisfactory proof of his  
marriage to his present wife, and satisfactory proof of the  
birth of said Corinne.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer  
to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly re-  
corded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
 foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic  
notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of May, 1901.

Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 7, 1901

Post Office

Harrison St.

District

Saline

1. Name

William Lynch

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Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Saline

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

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Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

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Names of Children:

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Maria Lynch

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Application made by

No. 1

Stenographer

C. Rothberger

1 On roll as No. 1 Lynch

1 " " " Page 17 No. 425 Saline

3 " " " as Willie Lynch

No. 4 - Affidavit of birth to be supplied.

4 - Proof of divorce of No. 1 from former wife and proof of marriage to present wife to be supplied.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Corine Lynch

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation

Approved, May 7<sup>th</sup> 1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Corine Lynch, born on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1901  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: William Lynch, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Lynch, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Post-office, Spavinaw I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Mary Lynch, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a citizen, by U.S. Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Lynch, who is a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was (male or female.)  
born to me on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1901; that said child has been named Corine Lynch, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesMary LynchSubscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.G. F. Bailey

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Jennie Buford, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mary Lynch, wife of William Lynch, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1901; that there was born to her on said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Corine Lynch. (male or female.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesWill Lynch  
Geo BaileyJennie Buford  
her markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of April, 1901.G. F. Bailey

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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CHAIRMAN

Notary Public.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this March 24, 1903.

Notary.

The foregoing is an accurate transcript of the stenographic notes  
testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, be correctly recorded the  
E. C. Bagnell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., February 21, 1903.

In the matter of the application of WILLIAM LYNCH, for the enrollment of himself and his children, MARIA, WILLIAM, JR., and CORINE LYNCH, as Cherokee Freedmen:

WILLIAM LYNCH, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

- Q State your name ? A William Lynch.
- Q How old are you ? A About thirty four years old.
- Q What is your post office address ? A Chaffee, I. T.
- Q You are a Cherokee Freedman, are you ? A Yes sir.
- Q Is your name on the roll of 1880 ? A Yes sir.
- Q What are your childrens' names ?
- A Maria, Willie and Corine.
- Q Who is the mother of these children ?
- A Alice Lynch was the mother of Maria and Willie/
- Q She was your first wife ? A Yes sir.
- Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman ? A Yes sir.
- Q Is she dead ? A No sir.
- Q When were you married to Alice ? A Oh its been, I don't know just how long ago, about thirteen years ago.
- Q Who married you ? A Parson Allen.
- Q Did you have a license to be married ? A Yes sir.
- Q Didn't get a marriage certificate did you ? A No sir.
- Q Did you live with your wife Alice all the time until she died ?
- A She didn't die.
- Q Were you divorced ? A We was divorced.
- Q Where ? A In the Cherokee court.
- Q When ? A Its been, I forget the time.
- Q How many years ago ? A About five or six years ago.
- Q You lived with her all the time from the time you married her until you were divorced ? A Yes sir.
- Q Maria and Willie are your children by your wife Alice ?
- A Yes sir.
- Q The children remained with you ? A Yes sir.
- Q Had you any more children by Alice besides these two ?
- A Two more.
- Q Did they go with her ? A Yes sir.
- Q You never applied for them ? A No sir.
- Q After your divorce from Alice who did you marry ?
- A Mary Teener.
- Q Is she a Cherokee woman ? A No sir.
- Q She's a State woman ? A Yes sir.
- Q She isn't claiming citizenship at all ? A No sir.
- Q Corine is your child by Mary ? A Yes sir.
- Q Have you been living with Mary ever since you married her ?
- A Yes sir.
- Q Are these children living ? A Yes sir.
- Q They have lived in the Cherokee Nation all their lives ?
- A Yes sir.
- Q You have been living in the Cherokee Nation ever since 1880 ?
- A Yes sir.
- Q Never lived anywhere else ? A Never did in my life.

H. G. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*H. G. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this March 27, 1906.

*James H. Ferguson*

Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*William Lynch*

A CITIZEN OF THE

*Cherokee*

Nation

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Approved

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Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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Department of the Interior,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of William Lynch  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Chaffee Ind. Ter., and died on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
April 1904  
(Here insert name of post office)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE

Western District }  
I, Edmond Blythe, on oath state that I am 36  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Chaffee Ind. Ter.; that I am  
Brother-in-law of William Lynch  
(State relationship: as the father; as uncle; as cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by Adoption of the Cherokee Nation  
and that said William Lynch died on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
April 1904  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must Be Two Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 1907  
My Commissioner E. D. Jefferson  
E. D. Jefferson Notary Public.  
Expired Jan. 31 1909

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE

Western District }  
Louis P. Brown, on oath state that I am 31  
years of age, and a citizen by Adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Muskogee Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice)  
that I was personally acquainted with William Lynch  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by Adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said William Lynch died on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
April 1904 Louis P. Brown  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must Be Two Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 1907  
My Commissioner E. D. Jefferson  
E. D. Jefferson Notary Public.  
Expired Jan. 31 1909





DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of

FRED MARTIN ET AL.,

as Cherokee Freedmen.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN 724

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of

SUDIE EDMONDSON, ET AL.,  
as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Fred Martin

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COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of

SUDIE EDMONDSON, ET AL.,  
as Cherokee Freedmen.

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The names of his children, Nelson, William, Elizabeth, Mary, John, James, and Anne, are listed in the following order:

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Vinita, P. O., May 8, 1901

In the matter of the application of Fred Martin for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Jennie Martin, and six children as Cherokee Freedmen, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. E. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Fred Martin.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Martin? A 45.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Spawkins.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman by the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Does your name appear upon the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A I suppose they do.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a member of any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Did you draw any money from any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife.  
Q And how many children? A Six children.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Jennie Martin.  
Q Is she a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is she? A She is 44.  
Q What is her father's name? A Nelson Martin.  
Q The same as yours? A Yes sir.  
Q He living? A No sir, he is dead.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Henry Martin.  
Q Is she living? A No sir, she is dead.  
Q Give me the names of your children. A Nelson.  
Q How old is Nelson? A I can't give his age correct.  
Q About how old? A He is about 20.  
Q The next one? A Solomon.  
Q How old is Solomon? A About 18.  
Q The next one? A Sylvester.  
Q How old is Sylvester? A He is about 14.  
Q The next one? A Priscilla.  
Q How old is Priscilla? A She is between nine and ten, I don't know which.  
Q The next one? A Lolo.  
Q How old is Lolo? A Lolo is about six.  
Q The next one? A James.  
Q How old is James? A One and a half years old; going on two.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant and his wife are not identified thereon.

- Q Is your name on the roll of 1880, Fred? A It ought to be.  
Q Did you ever go by any other name besides Martin? A No sir.  
Q Where were you born? A I was born down here in Saline District, at the Orphan Asylum, at Fort Gibson.  
Q Were you a slave? A I guess I was, I don't remember anything about slavery.  
Q Well, do you know what your owner's name was? A Lewis Ross owned my mother, and Joe Martin owned my father.  
Q Were you taken out during the war? A No sir.  
Q Always lived here? A Yes sir, always lived here in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q What was your father's name? A Fred Martin.  
Q He living? A No sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Jane Martin.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's father and mother are identified thereon as follows:



Page 223, No. 1835, Anna Martin, Delaware District.

- Q. You know why your name is not on the roll of 1880? A. No sir, I don't.
- Q. You always lived with your father and mother until you were grown? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Never lived outside of the Nation? A. No sir.
- Q. Have you got a brother that is on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.
- Q. What is his name? A. Isaac Martin.

Examination continued by F. F. Hastings, Cherokee Representative.

- Q. You have lived all the time with your mother? A. Yes sir.
- Q. And lived with her after the war? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Grew up with her and lived with her until you were married? A. Yes sir.

By Commissioner Needles.

- Q. You never lived outside of the Nation? A. No sir.
- Q. How about your wife, Jennie - what was her father's name? A. Nelson Martin.

By W. F. Hastings, Cherokee Representative.

- Q. Your wife's people are not on the 1880 roll, you know that don't you? A. No sir, I don't know whether they are or not.

Commissioner Needles.

- Q. Your wife don't appear to be on the 1880 roll. Where is your wife? A. She is at home.
- Q. Was she a slave? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Who did she belong to? A. Joe Martin.
- Q. You know where your wife was during the civil war? A. Why I think she was in Kansas.
- Q. You know when she returned to the Cherokee Nation? A. I don't know just when she came, I know when her father came to our house.
- Q. When was that? A. Her father came to our house in '66.
- Q. Was she with him? A. No sir.
- Q. Have you got any testimony as to your wife at all? A. Yes sir, we have testimony for her, but they have not come yet.
- Q. Were you married to her? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Have you got any certificate of marriage? A. No sir, we were married by a preacher; he is here.
- Q. You were married a good while ago, weren't you? A. Yes sir.
- Q. About what year? A. I don't know exactly what year it was. We were both quite young when we married.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's wife's parents are not identified thereon.

The 1888 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon.

- Q. Did you draw your strip payment money? A. Yes sir.

The Kerna Gifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

Page 107, No. 2866, Fred Martin, Delaware District.  
Page 107, No. 2867, Jennie Martin, Saline District.  
Page 107, No. 2868, Nelson Martin, Delaware District.  
Page 107, No. 2869, Sol Martin, Delaware District.  
Page 107, No. 2870, Sylvester Martin, Delaware District.  
Page 107, No. 2871, Parcella Martin, Delaware District.

- Q. Is that Elder here that married you? A. Yes sir, he is here on the ground.

Thomas Mayfield, being sworn and examined by Commissioner

T. B. Needles, testified as follows

Q What is your name? A Thomas Mayfield.

Q What is your age, Mr. Mayfield? A About 26 or 7. I was 76 when the payment was paid out.

Q What is your postoffice address? A Spavinaw.

Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.

Q Are you a minister of the Gospel? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know Fred Martin? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know his wife, Jennie? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know whether they were ever married or not? A I married them.

Q In your capacity as a minister? A Yes sir.

Q Have they lived together as man and wife ever since that time?

A Yes sir.

Q Living together now? A Yes sir.

By W. W. Hastings, Cherokee Representative-

Q Had either of them ever been married before? A No sir.

Commissioner Needles-

Fred Martin applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Jennie, and six children. His name cannot be found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; the name of his father and mother are found upon said roll, also his brothers and sisters. He makes satisfactory proof as to his citizenship. He makes satisfactory proof of his marriage to his wife, Jennie, the mother of the children for whom he applies, but the name of his wife, Jennie, is not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and no satisfactory proof is made as to her citizenship.

Q These children all living with you at this time? A Yes sir.

The names of his children, Nelson, Solomon, Sylvester and Priscilla are found upon the Kerns Clifton Map Roll, as well as the names of himself and his wife. Their names are not found upon the census roll of 1890; they are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently, Fred Martin and his children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; but in order to complete the enrollment of his two younger children, Lolo and James, it will be necessary for him to file satisfactory proof of their births. By reason of the fact that satisfactory proof has not been made as to the citizenship of his wife, Jennie, her name will be placed upon a doubtful card for further consideration by the Commission, as to her rights to enrollment.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May, 1901.

*E. J. Rotheuburger*  
*J. K. [Signature]*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE-CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 7/1901  
 Post Office Shannon 29  
 District Shelby

1. Name Fred Martin Age 43

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1866 Page 107 No. 2666 District Del

Parents:

Father Fred Martin - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Jane " - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife ~~Frederick Martin~~ Age 44

Owner's name ~~Fred Martin~~ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year ~~1866~~ Page ~~107~~ No. ~~2667~~ District ~~Del~~

Parents:

Father ~~Frederick Martin - dead~~ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother ~~Jane " - dead~~ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|    |                      |                  |                 |                 |                  |              |
|----|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2  | <u>Mignon Martin</u> | Year <u>1866</u> | Page <u>107</u> | No. <u>2668</u> | Dist. <u>Del</u> | <u>20</u>    |
| 3  | <u>Samson "</u>      | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>107</u> | No. <u>2669</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>18</u>    |
| 4  | <u>Sylvester "</u>   | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>107</u> | No. <u>2670</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>14</u>    |
| 5  | <u>Percilla "</u>    | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>107</u> | No. <u>2671</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>9</u>     |
| 6  | <u>Lola "</u>        | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>"</u>   | No. <u>"</u>    | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>6</u>     |
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Application made by M. I. Stenographer E. C. Richberger

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 58 " " " " " Percilla "  
\* 2nd & affidavits of birth required.  
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*Cherokee Freedman 724*  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*James Martin*  
as a citizen of  
*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved, *May 7th* 1901  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of James Martin, born on the June day of 1899,  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Fred Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Jennie Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Spartanburg S.C.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Jennie Martin, on oath state that I am 48  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Fred Martin, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the June day of 1899; that said child has been  
named James Martin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Rosa Blain  
Shelvia Blain  
Jennie Martin  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Nancy Parker, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Jennie Martin, wife of Fred Martin,  
on the June day of 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named James Martin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Retta Boon  
G. F. Bailey  
Nancy Parker  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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was called and sworn to before he testified.

transcript of his stenographic report, which is a true and complete  
entitled same and put the same in a file and complete  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes. He has been selected to be  
lease O. Carl, on oath a state of Oklahoma.

CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Q. The next ones. A. Isaac J. J. J.  
Q. What are their names? A. The closest one is Amy J. J.  
Q. You have some brothers and sisters? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You grew that land? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. I participated in every payment that was made  
the 1880 roll, and I am on all the rolls. I  
remember when every roll was taken since the year.  
Q. Do you remember when the 1880 roll was taken? A. I

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, February 4th, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Fred Martin  
for the enrollment of himself and children,  
Nelson, Solomon, Sylvester, Pricilla, Lola and  
James Martin, as Cherokee Freedmen.

Cherokee F-724.

Fred Martin, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q. What is your name? A. Fred Martin.

Q. How old are you? A. About 26, I guess.

Q. You are older than that? A. About 26; that is what I  
am trying to say.

Q. What is your post office? A. My post office is Seminole.  
At the time that was taken my post office was Spavinaw or Chaffee.

Q. Are you trying to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman?  
A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were you a slave before the war? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who was your owner? A. My mother belonged to Bill Ross  
and my father belonged to Joe Martin.

Q. Were you taken out of the Cherokee Nation at any time  
during the war? A. No, sir.

Q. Who were you staying with? A. My mother.

Q. What was her name? A. Junie Martin.

Q. She belonged to Bill Ross? A. Yes, sir.

Q. He was a Cherokee citizen? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Cherokee by blood? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did she go out of the Cherokee Nation during the war?  
A. No, sir.

Q. Where were you living? A. I lived at Park Hill.

Q. Who with? A. My mother.

Q. How old were you then? A. I don't know.

Q. That was during the war? A. Yes, sir; that was during  
the war. Then we come from Park Hill to Fort Gibson.

Q. Your mother came there? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You came with her? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you been living there ever since? A. Moving up  
and down Grand river.

Q. You have been living in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Never been out? A. I been out two months and two weeks  
in my life.

Q. When was that? A. I don't know. A good while ago.

Q. Who is your father? A. Fred Martin.

Q. Did he live with your mother? A. Yes, sir; he lived  
with my mother until he died.

Q. When did he die? A. About 12 years ago.

Q. Did your father go out during the war? A. He went out  
a while.

Q. Where did he go? A. I don't know.

Q. When did he come back? A. He came back during the war.  
He come back to Fort Gibson.

Q. Are you sure of that? A. Yes, sir. Then in '66 we

went by wagen and moved up on the river. He remained there until his death.

Q. What did you say his name was? A. Fred Martin.

Q. What was his owner's name? A. Joe Martin.

Q. Was he a Cherokee? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When were you married to your wife Jennie Martin?

A. I don't know the date but we have been married right about 23 years.

Q. Is your wife Jennie a Freedman? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Had she been a slave? A. Yes, sir, of Joe Martin.

Q. The same man who owned your father? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did she go out of the Nation during the war? A. I think so.

Q. Where did she go? A. She went north; went to Kansas somewhere.

Q. When did she come back? A. I couldn't tell you.

Q. You don't know anything about that? A. No, sir; I don't know anything about that.

Q. Where was she living when you married her? A. Living on Grand river in Saline district.

Q. Who with? A. Her father and mother.

Q. What was her mother's name? A. Henny Martin.

Q. Her father's name? A. Nelson Martin.

Q. They were both Freedmen? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did they go out also? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You don't know when they come back? A. No, sir.

Q. Who married you? A. James Michael.

Q. Did you get a certificate? A. No, sir.

Q. Have you been living with your wife ever since you were married until now? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How many children have you? A. The oldest one is Nelson.

Q. How old is he? A. He must be 20 or 22.

Q. Then Solomon? A. Solomon.

Q. Sylvester? A. Sylvester.

Q. Percilla? A. Percilla.

Q. The next one? A. Lola and James.

Q. Six children. Are they all your children? A. My wife says they is.

Q. Your wife is the mother? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are all these children living? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Lived in the Nation? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Always lived with you and your wife? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Living with you now, are they? A. Yes, sir; but Solomon is married.

Q. He is not living with you? A. Yes, sir; he is living with me but he is married.

Q. Has he any children? A. No, sir.

Q. How does it come you are not on the 1880 roll? A. Why, I don't know.

Q. You were living in the Nation then? A. Yes, sir; I have lived in the Nation all my life. I have never lived anywhere else.

Q. Can you explain why your name is not on that roll?

A. No, sir; I can't.

Q. Where were you living then. A. I was living on Grand river.

Q. Your wife's name isn't on the 1880 roll either? A. No, sir. Do you now why that is? A. No, sir.

Q. They was living with you then? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Nelson was born then? A. I don't know. Nelson is over 21 years old. 21 or 22.

Q. Had you been married very long then? A. No, sir.

Q. Do you remember when the 1880 roll was taken? A. I remember when every roll was taken since the war.  
Q. You aren't enrolled? A. I am on all the rolls except the 1880 roll, and I participated in every payment that has been drawn by the freedmen.  
Q. You drew that 1897 payment? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You have some brothers and sisters? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What are their names? A. The eldest one is Amy Bean.  
Q. The next one? A. Isaac Martin.

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Jesse O. Carr on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1903.

*Jesse O. Carr*  
*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lola Martin

as a citizen of

Seabee

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Lola Martin, born on the 24 day of December, 1893  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Fred Martin a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Jennie Martin a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
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## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Jennie Martin, on oath state that I am 48  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Fred Martin, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 24 day of December, 1893; that said child has been  
named Lola Martin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of Sept, 1903.

my Comm. Exp. June-17-1907.  
A. H. Fallis  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Hattie Bean, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Jennie Martin, wife of Fred Martin  
on the 24 day of Dec, 1893, that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Lola Martin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of Sept, 1903.

my Comm Exp - June-17-1907  
A. H. Fallis  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Cherokee Freedman 724

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Fred Martin, et al., as Cherokee Freedmen.

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DECISION.

THE RECORD IN THIS CASE SHOWS: That on May 7, 1901, Fred Martin appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Vinita, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of himself and minor children, Nelson, Solomon, Sylvester, Priscilla, Lola and James Martin, as Cherokee Freedmen. Jennie Martin, wife of the principal applicant, Fred Martin, was also included in said application, but as her application for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman has been heretofore disposed of she will not be included in this decision. Further proceedings in the matter of said application were had on February 4, 1903, at Vinita, Indian Territory.

THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE SHOWS: That the principal applicant, Fred Martin, was the slave of a Cherokee citizen at the commencement of the rebellion; that the minor applicants are children of the said applicant, Fred Martin, and were born since 1866; and that all the applicants herein have continuously resided in the Cherokee Nation since birth.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: That, under the provisions of section Twenty-one of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 ( 30 Stat. 495), Fred Martin, Nelson Martin, Solomon Martin, Sylvester Martin, Priscilla Martin, Lola Martin and James Martin, are entitled to enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, and their application for enrollment as such is accordingly granted.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this NOV 24 1905

  
COMMISSIONER

Indian Territory, September 2, 1902.

Ired Martin,  
Smithwick, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Before the application for enrollment of your child, Iola Martin, as a Cherokee Freedman, will be complete, you should supply the Commission with a properly executed affidavit as to the birth of this child.

There is enclosed you herewith a blank form which you are requested to have executed and return to the Commission at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully,

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Cherokee Freedmen

No. 724.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 24, 1906.

Ball, Hastings & Davenport,  
Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated November 24, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Fred, Nelson, Solomon, Sylvester, Pricilla, Lola and James Martin as Cherokee freedmen.

You are advised that you will be given fifteen days from date hereof within which to file such protest as you may desire to make against the action of the Commissioner in this case, a copy of which you will be required to furnish the principal applicant. If you fail to file protest within the time allowed, this decision will be considered final.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED).

*Geo Rogers*

Acting Commissioner.

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Cherokee Freedmen

No. 724.

COPY

Muskegee, Indian Territory, December 9, 1905.

Fred Martin,

Spavinaw, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated November 24, 1905, granting your application for the enrollment of yourself and children, Nelson, Solomon, Sylvester, Priscilla, Lola and James Martin, as Cherokee freedmen.

You are advised that you will not be permitted to make allotment selections in the Cherokee nation for yourself and children until your names have been placed upon a schedule of Cherokee freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, of which action you will be duly notified.

Respectfully,

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Acting Commissioner.

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TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a member of the Five Civilized Tribes, and that he is a full, true and correct member of his tribe, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of his status as a member of the Five Civilized Tribes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1901.

Commissioner

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, Indian Territory, May 7, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Amy Bean for the enrollment of herself and five children as Cherokee Freedmen, she being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. D. Hodges, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Amy Bean.  
Q How old are you? A 43 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Did you draw any money from any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Myself and five children.  
Q Give me the names of your children. A Susan Bean.  
Q How old is Susan? A 16 years old.  
Q The next child? A Rosella.  
Q How old is she? A 14 years old.  
Q The name of the next one? A Alexander.  
Q How old is he? A 12 years old.  
Q The next one? A William.  
Q How old is William? A Eight years of age.  
Q The next one? A Evelyn.  
Q How old is she? A Two years old.  
Q The next one? A That is all.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Joseph Bean.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you apply for his enrollment? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? A Married about 19 years ago.  
Q What was your father's name? A Fred Martin.  
Q He living? A No sir, he is dead.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Juno Martin.  
Q Is she living? A She is living.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant found on page 283, No. 1819, Amy Martin, Delaware District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants found thereon as follows:

- Page 627, No. 21, Amy Bean, Delaware District.  
Page 627, No. 22, Susie Bean, Delaware District.  
Page 627, No. 23, Rosella Bean, Delaware District.  
Page 627, No. 24, Alexander Bean, Delaware District.  
Page 627, No. 25, William Bean, Delaware District.

- Q Are these children all living with you now? A Yes sir.  
Q All alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, always lived in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.

Amy Bean applies for the enrollment of herself and five children. Her name is identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Amy Martin, that having been her maiden name, and her name also appears upon the census roll of 1896 as Amy Bean. The names of her children, Susan, Rosella, Alexander and William, are found upon the census roll of 1896. The name of her youngest child, Evelyn, is not found upon the census roll of 1896, but she makes satisfactory proof of its birth. They are all duly identified according to page and number of the roll and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Amy Bean and her children as enumerated herein will be listed



The undersigned, being a duly sworn stenographer,  
to the Commission to the President and Prothonotary, do hereby re-  
corded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic  
notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1901.

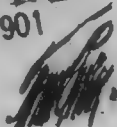
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 7, 1901  
Niquita St.  
Lahine

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Amy Bean Age 45

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1896 Page 283 No. 1619 District Del

Parents:

Father Fred Martin - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother Jessie " - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2. Susan Bean Year 1896 Page 627 No. 22 Dist. Del 163. Rosetta " " Year " Page 627 No. 23 Dist. " 144. Alexander " " Year " Page 627 No. 24 Dist. " 135. William " " Year " Page 627 No. 25 Dist. " 86. James " " Year " Page " No. " Dist. " 28. Eugene " " Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by

M. I.

Stenographer

E. Rothermeyer1. Car 1890 roll as Amy Martin1. " 1896 - Page 627, No. 21 - Del2. " 1896 - as Lucie Bean6. aff. of birth to be supplied

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Emylon Bear*  
as a citizen of  
*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved,

*May 7<sup>th</sup>*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Erylon Bean (Here insert name of child), born on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1898  
Name of Father: Joseph Bean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Amy Bean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita Ind Ter

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Amy Bean, on oath state that I am 45  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joseph Bean, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1898; that said child has been  
named Erylon Bean, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Amy Bean

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Caroline Landrum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Amy Bean, wife of Joseph Bean,  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Erylon Bean.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Caroline Landrum  
Joseph W. Bean  
G. F. Bailey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Wash., D. C., May 7, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rufus Andrew Gordry for the enrollment of himself and his three children as Cherokee Freedmen, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. H. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Rufus Andrew Gordry.  
Q What is your age? A 41.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware District.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A I think so, yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Three children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Eddie.  
Q How old is he? A About 14 years old.  
Q The name of the next one? A Tobie.  
Q How old is Tobie? A About 12 years old.  
Q The next one? A Jemie.  
Q How old is he? A 10.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your wife a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you apply for her? A No sir.  
Q What is her name? A Annie Gordry.  
Q Was she a Cherokee? she was enrolled with the Cherokees.  
Q Has she been enrolled as a Cherokee? A Yes sir.  
Q Who is the mother of these children? A Mary Gordry.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 89, No. 756, Andy Gordry, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q Were you ever called Rufus? A Sometimes, but hardly ever; once in a while.  
Q How do you sign your name? A R. A.  
Q What is your proper name? A Rufus A.

The 1880 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 628, No. 26, Rufus A. Gordry, Delaware District.

The names of the applicant's children are found upon said roll as follows:

- Page 628, No. 27, Eddie B. Gordrey, Delaware District.  
Page 628, No. 28, Tobie Gordrey, Delaware District.  
Page 628, No. 29, Jemie Gordrey, Delaware District.

- Q You say the mother of these children is named Mary? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her name before you married her? A She was a Welch.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A No sir.  
Q Her name is not on the rolls? A No sir.  
Q Were you married to her? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you any proof of marriage? A No sir, Coosa Pado married us.  
Q He is living? A Yes sir, he is living at Coosawatch.  
Q Are those children all living at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir, not any length of time.

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The name of Rufus A. Gerdrey is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Mary Gerdrey, and is fully identified as the applicant; his name is found upon the census roll of 1900 as Rufus A. Gerdrey. He applies for the enrollment of himself and three children, to-wit: Edgie, Fannie and Jessie, and their names are found upon the census roll of 1880; he swears that he was married to one Mary Welch, a non citizen, who was the mother of the children he applies for; he now being married to his wife, Annie, who is a Cherokee citizen. He and his children are duly identified, and make satisfactory proof of residence, consequently Rufus A. Gerdrey and his children are eligible and will be listed for the enrollment of said children. It will be necessary for him to file with the Commission satisfactory proof of his marriage to his former wife, Mary, the mother of these children; she, as he swears, having been a non citizen.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 1901.

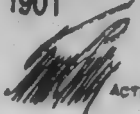
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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *May 7, 1901*

Post Office *Vinita, Ok.*

District *Delaware*

1. Name *Rufus A. Cordrey*

Age *41*

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year *1890*

Page *89*

No. *256*

District *Del*

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

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Names of Children:

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Application made by *Mr. 1*

Stenographer

*1 - On 1896 roll, P. 628 \* 26, Rufus A. Cordrey - Del.  
 2 " 1896 " as Eddie B. Cordrey  
 3 " 1896 " " Toby " "  
 4 " 1896 " " Jeffie " "  
 1 - On 1890 roll as Andy Cordrey.*

*Proof of marriage of Mr. 1 to former wife  
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Department of the Interior  
Bureau of the Five Civilized Tribes  
Washington, D. C., October 11, 1901.

Supplemental testimony in connection with the application of Henry J. Gundry, for right of way, pursuant to Act No. 122, on the part of the applicant.

Applicants:  
James G. Gundry for the Christian Nation,  
Louis G. Brown, agent for the applicant.

JOHN BALDRIDGE, being first duly sworn by J. S. Brown, testified as follows on the part of the applicant:  
( By J. S. Brown )

- Q What is your name? A John Baldridge.
- Q What is your postoffice address? A Berryville, Kansas.
- Q Are you a minister of the Gospel? A Yes sir.
- Q Do you know Rufus A. Gundry, the applicant here? A Yes sir.
- Q Did you know Mary Welch during her life time? A Yes sir.
- Q Do you know if Rufus A. Gundry and Mary Welch were ever married?  
A I married them.

- ( By the Commission )
- Q What did you marry them? A Between 16 and 17 years ago.
- Q Have they lived together since that time as man and wife? A Yes sir until she died.

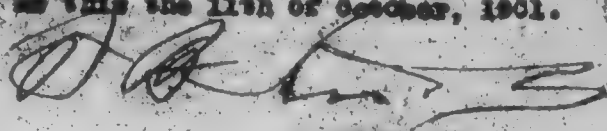
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This will be filed in the above case as a part of the record.

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Oliver von Wier, being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cases and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th of October, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*Received by the Commission*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May, 1903.

Transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete

Communication to the Five Civilized Tribes as reported the above

James C. Carr on oath states that as stated above to the

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, April 2nd, 1905.

In the matter of the application of Rufus A. Cordrey }  
for the enrollment of himself and his children, } Cherokee F-726.  
Eddie, Toby and Jeffie Cordrey, as Cherokee }  
Freedmen. }

The applicant appears in person and by his attorney  
G. B. Fogel.

Rufus A. Cordrey, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. What is your name? A. R. A. Cordrey.  
Q. Rufus, is it? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. How old are you? A. I am about 43 years old.  
Q. What is your post office? A. Vinita.  
Q. Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. In what district? A. Cooweescoowee, I think.  
Q. Where have you been living since 1880? A. Been living  
around here in the Territory.  
Q. In the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. All the time? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You have never been out of the Cherokee Nation for the past  
23 years to live? A. No, sir.  
Q. Your home has been in the Cherokee Nation all that time?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What is your wife's name? A. Annie.  
Q. Is she the mother of your children? A. No, sir.  
Q. Who is the mother of your three children? A. Her name  
is Mary Ann.  
Q. Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A. No, sir.  
Q. She is a non citizen? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What are the names of your children? A. Eddie, the  
oldest one, and Toby and Jeffie.  
Q. Are they all living? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Always live with you? A. No, sir; they have ~~never~~ not  
always lived with me; lived about with my relations.  
Q. Is your wife Mary dead? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. They lived with you while your wife was living?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. When did she die? A. She died--lets see--it has been  
10 or 12 years ago.  
Q. These children, you say, have been living around with  
relatives? A. Yes, sir; sometimes. There is one of them here  
with me now.  
Q. They have always been in your custody? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You have married since your wife Mary died? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Is she a Freedman? A. No, sir; she is Cherokee.  
Q. Have you any children by her? A. No, sir.  
Q. You and your first wife always lived together in the Nation?  
A. Yes, sir.

Jesse O. Carr on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Jesse O. Carr.*

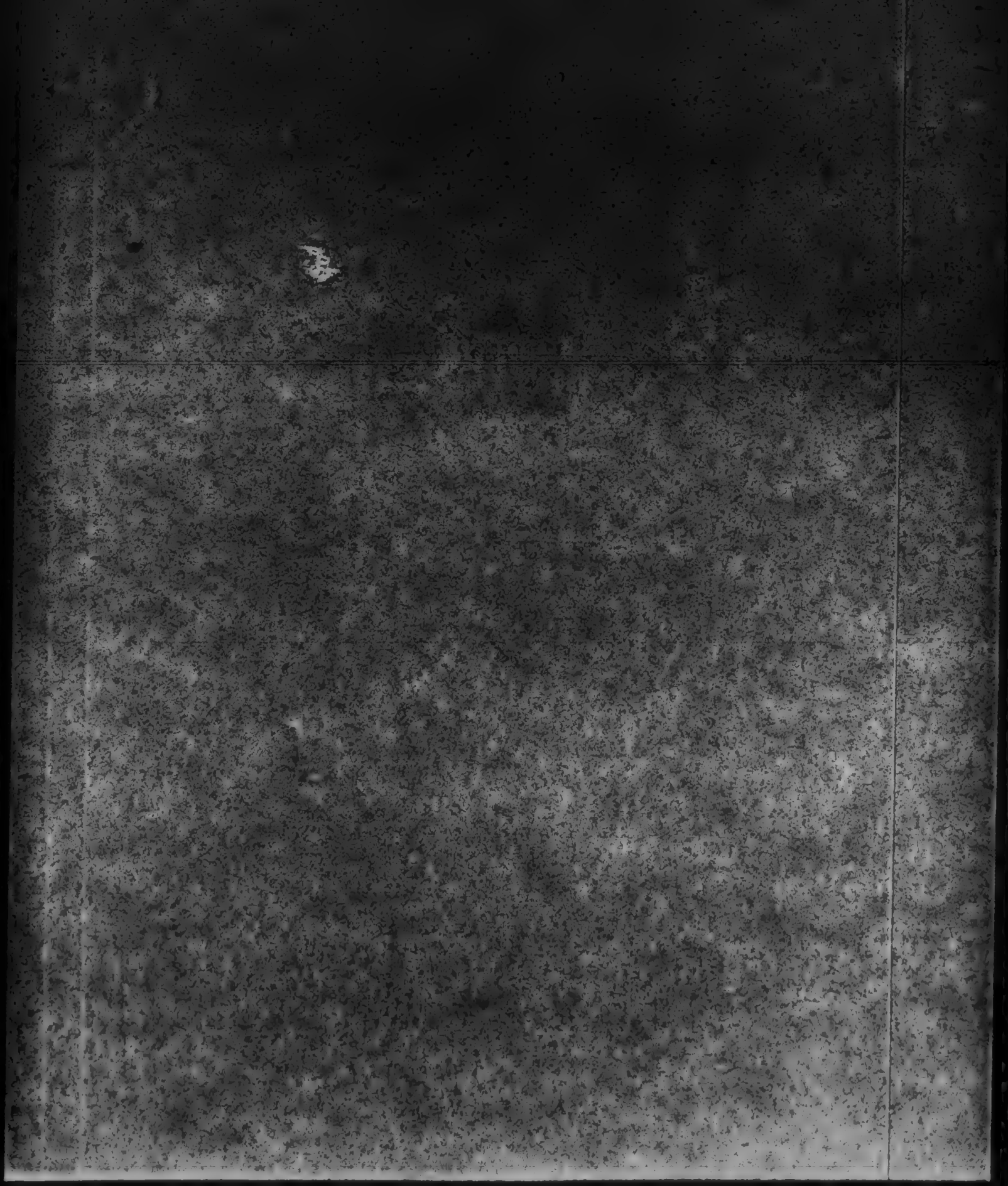
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*Samuel. F. Fennell*  
Notary Public.

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Approved and forwarded by the Secretary of the Navy, 1901.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, I. T., May 7, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Evans Lynch for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Evans Lynch.  
Q How old are you? A 24.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Spavinaw.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other nation or tribe? A  
No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee  
Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q How do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one.  
Q What is your father's name? A Lewis Lynch.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Elgie.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 645, No. 676, Evans Lynch, Saline District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant ~~not found thereon~~ is found on page 17, No. 414, Evans Lynch, Saline District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.

Evans Lynch applies for the enrollment of himself; his name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerns Clifton Pay Roll; his name is not found upon the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified thereby, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

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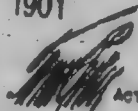
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 7, 1901  
 Post Office Chapinaw St.  
 District Sahie

1. Name Evans Lynch Age 24

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1890 Page 645 No. 676 District Sahie

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father Lewis Lynch - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Evey - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

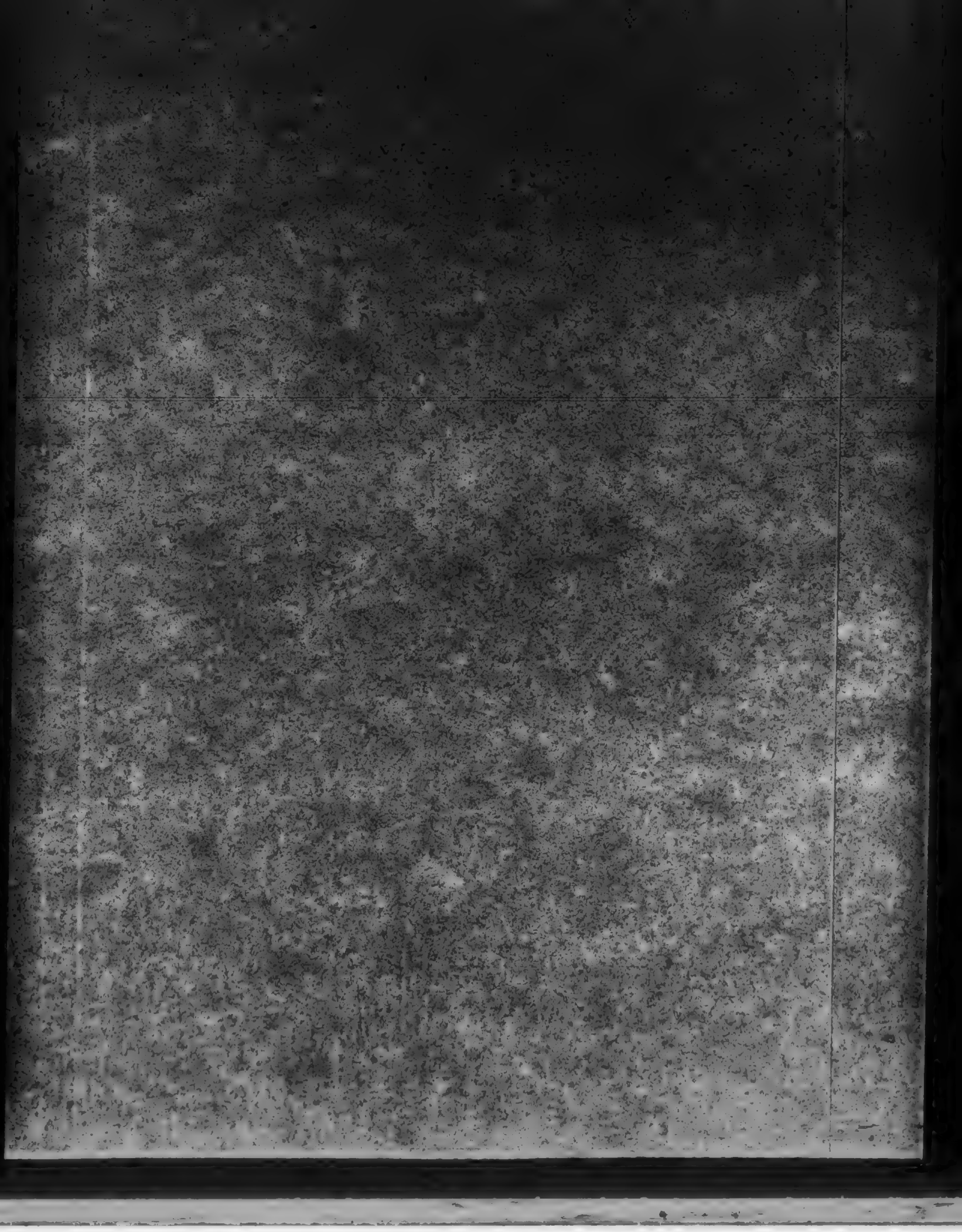
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Application made by M. I. Stenographer E. Rothmberger

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Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Salina, K., May 7, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lulu Armstrong for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, and being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. A. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lulu Armstrong.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Spavinsburg.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any salary from any other Nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one.  
Q Are you married? A I was married, but we are separated.  
Q What is your father's name? A Lewis Lynch.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Fannie Lynch.  
Q Are they living? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 645, No. 677, Lulu Lynch, Saline District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Keras Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 27, No. 415, Lulu Lynch, Saline District.

- Q What is your husband's name? A John Armstrong.  
Q Have you any children? A No sir.  
Q You are not living with your husband, you say? A No sir.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised in it? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.

The name of Lulu Armstrong is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 under her maiden name, Lulu Lynch; she avers that she has since married one John Armstrong; her name is found upon the Keras Clifton Pay Roll as Lulu Lynch; she is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Lulu Armstrong will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 1901.

*E. J. [Signature]*  
Commissioner.

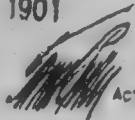
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# CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

1. As roll as Lulu Lynch  
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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tulsa, Ok., June 17, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Lulu Armstrong for the  
enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

GEORGE BROWN, being duly sworn and examined by the Com-  
missioner, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A George Brown.  
Q How old are you? A 26.  
Q What is your post office address? A Adair.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you applied for enrollment? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Lulu Brown.  
Q What was her name before you married? A Lulu Armstrong.  
Q Is she a daughter of Lewis and Abby Lynch? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you and she married? A About two months ago.  
Q Do you remember the day? A No sir, not exactly, I think it  
was about the 15th of March.  
Q Are you and she living together now? A Yes sir.

Mary B. Risher, being duly sworn states that, as sten-  
grapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she cor-  
rectly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that  
the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of her sten-  
graphic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 24th day of June, 1904.

*Mary B. Risher*

*J. H. Risher*  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, I. T., May 3, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Thomas Bean for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Thomas Bean.  
Q How old are you? A 32.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Spartan.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Is your name in the Cherokee roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you apply for anybody besides yourself? A No sir.  
Q You are not married? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 819, No. 165, Thomas Bean, Saline District.

The 1895 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Keras Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 19, No. 482, Thomas Bean, Saline District.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.

The name of Thomas Bean is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Thomas Bean, upon the Keras Clifton<sup>Roll</sup> as Thomas Bean; his name does not appear upon the census roll of 1895; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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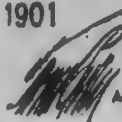
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8th day of May, 1901.

*E. H. Heuberg*  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 4, 1901

Post Office

Chapman St.

District

Saline

1. Name

Thomas Bear

Age 21

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

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District

Saline

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Father

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Mother

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Application made by

Mr. 1

Stenographer

E. K. Rothberger

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He then attempted to assassinate the President, and while he was making his attempt he was shot and killed by a soldier of the United States Army.

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Deleg. 22, no. 2112, Report of the Permanent Committee.  
 Motion standing and a motion of adjournment.

The House directed Hall of the Legislature of the District of Columbia, and the Senate of the District of Columbia, to report on the bill.

On March 10, 1896, the House of Representatives passed the bill by a vote of 275 yeas to 121 nays.

The bill was then sent to the Senate, where it was reported on May 1, 1896, by the Committee on Education and Labor.

The Senate passed the bill on May 1, 1896, by a vote of 74 yeas to 16 nays.

The bill was then signed into law by President Cleveland on May 1, 1896.

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DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Tulsa, P. T., May 7, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Monroe Blythe for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Hadden, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Monroe Blythe.  
Q How old are you? A About fifty.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Greenwood.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one, just myself.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 887, No. 513, Monroe Blythe, Delaware District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 92, No. 2515, Monroe Blye, Delaware District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Lived here all the time? A Lived here all my life.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.  
Q You don't apply for anybody but yourself? A Nobody but myself.

The name of Monroe Blythe is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Monroe Blythe, and the Kerns Clifton Page Roll as Monroe Blye. He applies for the enrollment of himself, and is duly identified according to page and number of the roll, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of May, 1901.

*T. B. Hadden*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MAY 7 1901

 ACTING CHAIRMAN



MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 7, 1901

Post Office Virginia, S.C.

District Cal

1. Name Minnie Blythe Age 50  
 Owner's name John Blythe Citizenship Cal  
 Year 1870 Page 227 No. 313 District Cal

Parents:  
 Father Ben Blythe (dead) Grand John Blythe  
 Mother Annamia "  
 Citizenship "

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

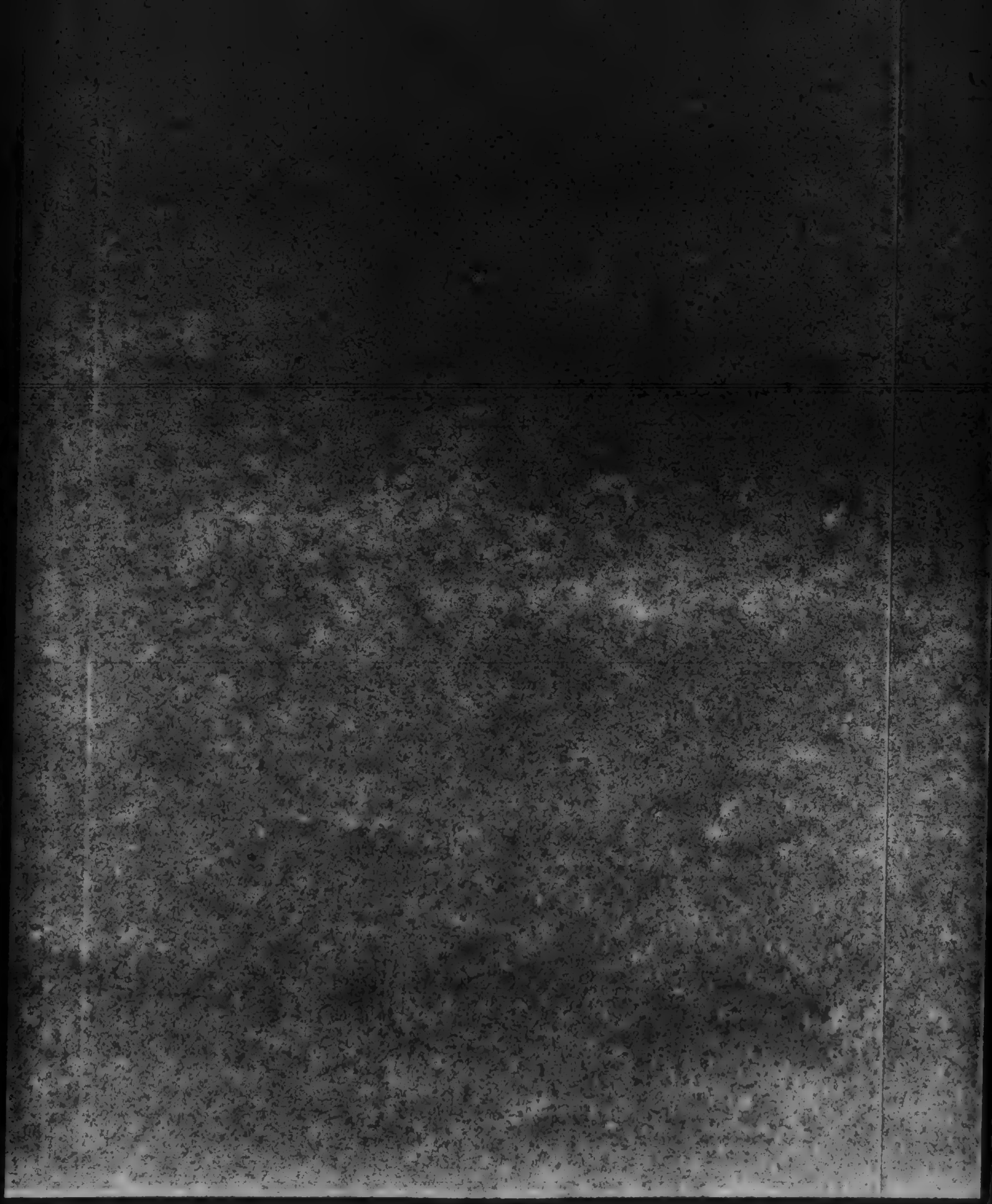
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 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by \_\_\_\_\_ Stenographer \_\_\_\_\_

Carroll Minnie Blythe  
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Expected and known to delay the 8th day of May, 1907.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, I. T., May 7, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Lincoln Lynch for the enrollment of himself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen: he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lincoln Lynch.  
Q How old are you? A About 28.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Wharton.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Did you draw any money from any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My children.  
Q How many children? A Two.  
Q What are their names? A James W.  
Q How old is he? A Four years old.  
Q The name of the next one? A Spicie.  
Q How old is Spicie? A She is 18 months old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Neatie.  
Q Is she a citizen? A Yes, I guess she is, but she ain't on the 1880 roll.  
Q You don't apply for her? A No sir.  
Q Are you living with her? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she going to apply? A Yes, she is going to apply herself.  
Q What was her name before you married her? A Neatie Vann.  
Q Have you got any certificate of your marriage? A No sir.  
Q Anybody here knows whether you were married or not? A Yes sir.  
Q Who is it? A There are several there.

Joseph Bean, being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Joseph Bean.  
Q How old are you? A About thirty.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Spavinsaw.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Lincoln Lynch? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know his wife, Neatie? A Yes sir.  
Q You know whether they were married or not? A Yes sir.  
Q How do you know that? A I took them to the minister.  
Q Did you see the minister marry them? A Yes sir.  
Q Who was he? A Prescher Allen.  
Q They have been living together as man and wife since that time?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Have they any children? A Yes sir.  
Q How many? A Two living.

Applicant further testifies—

- Q What was your father's name? A Simon Lynch.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 645, No. 860, Lincoln ——— Saline District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is not found of record thereon.

The Keweenaw Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 6, No. 135, Lincoln Lynch, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life. Born and raised here; don't know no where else.



How much more than I thought I was living

Lincoln Lynow entered the enrollment of himself and his children, James F. and John. His name is found upon the master list roll of 1890 at Lincoln, Kansas, and is still prominent in the enrollment. His name is not found upon the census roll of 1900, but is found upon the Form Clinton roll. He gave as his father's name George Lynn, and satisfactory proof is made as to his marriage, and by said marriage he has two children, James F. and John Lynow, whose names do not appear upon the rolls of the Cherokee Nation, having been born after the rolls were compiled, but presents satisfactory proof on file of said children. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence. Consequently Lincoln Lynow and his children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as George Lynn.

The undersigned, being fully sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1901.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MAY 7 1901



ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 7 1901

Post Office Chapin, S.C.

District Saline

1. Name Lincoln Lynch Age 29

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 645 No. 660 District Saline

Parents:

Father Simon Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Mr. 1

Stenographer E. S. Rothberger

Mr. 1 On 1880 roll as Lincoln  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*James W. Lynch*  
as a citizen of

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved,

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of James W. Lynch, born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1897  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Lincoln Lynch, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Neatie Lynch, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Caffie Ind Ter

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Neatie Lynch, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lincoln Lynch, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1897; that said child has been  
named James W. Lynch, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

27<sup>th</sup> day ofApril

1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Caroline Landrum midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Neatie Lynch, wife of Lincoln Lynch  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named James W. Lynch.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Link Lynch  
L. F. Bailey

Caroline <sup>her</sup> Landrum  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

27<sup>th</sup> day ofApril

1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

my son - Exp - April 16-1908.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Spicie Lynch*

an citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation

Approved, *May 7* 1901

*J. B. Lewis*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Spicie Lynch, born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Nov-, 1899.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Lincoln Lynch, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Keatie, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Chaffie Ind Ter

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Keatie Lynch, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lincoln Lynch, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Nov-, 1899; that said child has been  
named Spicie Lynch, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesKeatie LynchSubscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Nancy Parker, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Keatie Lynch, wife of Lincoln Lynch  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Nov-, 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Spicie Lynch.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesLincoln LynchL. F. BaileyNancy Parker  
her markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.L. F. Bailey  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON

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I.R.D. 14724-1906.

August 27, 1906.

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Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you forwarded affidavits as to the deaths of 30 persons whose names appear on the approved rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that you be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, you having complied with departmental instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons.

Reporting August 23, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs and you are authorized to strike the names of said persons from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Roll No.

Name.

1314  
26398  
6266  
6519  
6524

Ray E. Beck  
Joseph Hair  
Annie Kingfisher  
James Teehee  
Perry S. Teehee

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Cherokees by Race.

| Roll No. | Name                   |
|----------|------------------------|
| 6573     | Dale E. Morgan         |
| 6731     | Andrew Jackson Selvard |
| 6879     | Ellie Terrell          |
| 6946     | Gladys L. Henry        |
| 6969     | John M. Bryan          |
| 6963     | Josephine M. Bryan     |
| 7011     | John A. Hite           |
| 7264     | John E. Fincher        |
| 7717     | Edward A. Adair        |
| 7908     | Low V. Goodard         |
| 7946     | Fisarah Mann           |
| 80168    | Lammal Wittmer         |
| 84147    | Paithy Harry           |
| 12708    | Henry P. Carter, Jr.   |
| 28112    | Jesse L. Smith         |
| 14594    | Hera A. Willis         |
| 14974    | W. Perry Brewer        |
| 14976    | Katie Brewer           |
| 18663    | Adron Terrell          |
| 18777    | James H. Israel        |
| 16151    | Mattie Bell            |
| 18076    | Lewis Telen            |

Cherokee Freedmen.

| Roll No. | Name.             |
|----------|-------------------|
| 1804     | Lincoln Lynch     |
| 1907     | Nellie G. Alberty |
| 3631     | Mattie Hays       |

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

August 23, 1906.

C O P Y

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, 1906 forwarding affidavits as to the deaths of certain persons whose names appear on a partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Bixby refers to Departmental letters of May 31, (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1 (I.T.D. 6240-1905) October 4, (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, (I.T.D. 110-1906) relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the Department's instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with, and no information having been received that any of the persons enumerated in his report were on September 1, 1902, he recommends that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and

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this office, and that he be authorized to strike their  
names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in his  
possession, and that the application for their enrollment  
as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits have been examined in the Office, and  
are transmitted herewith, the Office concurring in the  
Commissioner's Recommendation.

Very respectfully,

F. E. Leupp,

Commissioner.

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Cherokee Freedman  
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Waskages, Indian Territory, September 22, 1906

Heatie Lynch,  
Chaffee, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

In connection with the application for the enrollment as a freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation of your husband, Lincoln Lynch, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that his name was stricken from the approved roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and the application for his enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior August 29, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

MDP

C. C. T.

Wadsworth, Indian Territory, August 9, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 21, 1906 (I.T.D. 612-1906), June 1, 1906 (I.T.D. 622-1906), October 4, 1906 (I.T.D. 1222-1906), and January 12, 1906 (I.T.D. 112-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 226 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1906, there are inclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons. The number of the enrollment cards which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.                  |
|----------|----------|------------------------|
| 433      | 1224     | Ray E. Beck            |
| 2406     | 26202    | Joseph Hair            |
| 2408     | 6206     | Annie Kingfisher       |
| 2409     | 6619     | James Teehee           |
| 2521     | 6224     | Perry S. Teehee        |
| 2540     | 6373     | Osie M. Morgan         |
| 2619     | 6733     | Andrew Jackson Colvard |
| 2671     | 6820     | Kila Terrill.          |

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.                |
|----------|----------|----------------------|
| 2722     | 6888     | Glavin A. Henry      |
| 2722     | 6888     | John E. Bryan        |
| 2722     | 6888     | Josephine E. Bryan   |
| 2722     | 7011     | John A. Eaton        |
| 2722     | 7011     | John E. Fincher      |
| 2722     | 7717     | Howard A. Adair      |
| 2722     | 7008     | Est. V. Woodard      |
| 2722     | 7040     | Elmore Mann          |
| 2722     | 70105    | Leonard Wittner      |
| 2722     | 20147    | Faithy Harry         |
| 2722     | 12700    | Henry E. Carter, Jr. |
| 2722     | 20112    | James L. Smith       |
| 2722     | 14504    | Wara A. Willie       |
| 2722     | 14974    | W. Perry Brewer      |
| 2722     | 14974    | Katie Brewer         |
| 2722     | 18043    | Arson Terrull        |
| 2722     | 18777    | James H. Israel      |
| 2722     | 16121    | Hattie Bell          |
| 2722     | 18076    | Lewis Tolen          |

Cherokee Freedmen.

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.             |
|----------|----------|-------------------|
| 731      | 1804     | Lincoln Lynch     |
| 776      | 1807     | Wallie S. Alberty |
| 1314     | 3631     | Hattie Hays       |

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), and October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12222-1905), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee Advocate" and Pryor Creek "Gleaner", both weekly newspapers of general circulation, the

former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Pryor Creek, Indian Territory, in the Muskogean District, in which the above named persons are shown to have resided at the time of their death. The first issue of this publication in "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 1, and the first issue in the "Pryor Creek Clipper" was on March 2, 1906. Attention was called to Section 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1905 (34 Stat., 716), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that the Commissioner would, at the expiration of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known postoffice advising the information received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the

enrollment of the enrollment of said persons as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

As information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1904, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

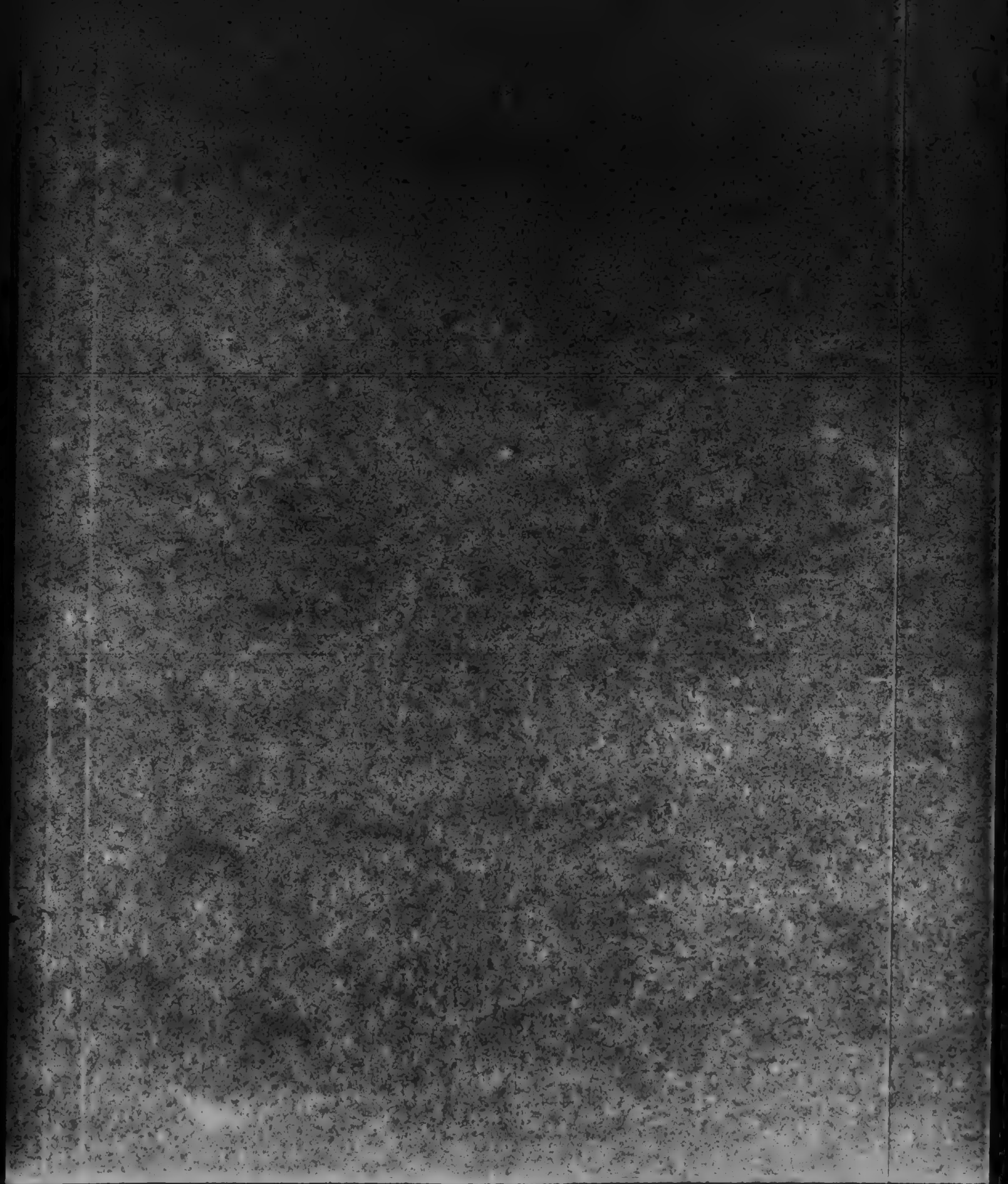
Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Through the Commissioner  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Winnipeg, N. D., May 7, 1897.

In the matter of the application of William S. Madden for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage, and for the enrollment of his wife, Malinda Madden, as a Cherokee Freedman; said Madden being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. J. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William S. Madden.  
Q What is your age, Mr. Madden? A I am about 33 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Hayden.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A I have a certificate here of marriage.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as an intermarried Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you been recognized as a Cherokee citizen? A I have in some respects and some I haven't.  
Q Is your name on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Do you desire to enroll anybody besides yourself? A My wife.  
Q What is her name? A Malinda Madden.  
Q How old is she? A She is about fifty I expect.  
Q What is her postoffice address? A Hayden.  
Q She is a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you any children? A Yes sir.  
Q How many children? A Three children.  
(Applicants three children found to be of age.)  
Q What was your wife's name before you married her? A Malinda Whitmire.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife is found on page 135, No. 1764, Malinda Madden, Cooweescoowee District. The name of the applicant himself is not found upon said roll.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife is found on page 410, No. 310, Malinda Madden, Cooweescoowee District. The name of the applicant himself is not found upon said roll.

- Q Your wife has always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q She lives in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have lived on the place where I am living about 28 years.  
Q You were born in the states, were you? A I was born in the State of Missouri.  
Q Were you a slave? A No sir.  
Q You make no claim to Cherokee citizenship only by reason of your having married a Cherokee Freedman? A That is all.

William S. Madden applies for the enrollment of himself and wife; he applies to be enrolled himself as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage, and he presents satisfactory certificate of marriage certifying that he was married to one Miss Malinda Whitmire on the 14th day of August, 1869. The name of his wife, Malinda Madden, is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, as well as the census roll of 1896, and both are duly identified, and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the name of William S. Madden will be placed upon what is known as a doubtful card for further consideration by the Commission as to the rights of intermarried Freedmen. The name of his wife, Malinda, will be placed upon a straight card, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

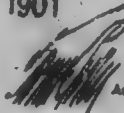


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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 7, 1904  
 Post Office Hayden St.  
 District Car

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Mahinda Madden Age 50  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 135 No. 1764 District Car

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Wm S. Madden and E. K. Steubgen  
 Mr. / On Aug 1896 roll P. 410 # 310, Mahinda Madden Co.

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Commissioner: Salie Derrick applies for the enrollment of herself. She is the wife of the undersigned roll of 1880 under the name of Salie Martin, that having been her maiden name. She says that she has since married one John Derrick, her name as Salie Martin is also found upon the census roll of 1880. She is duly identified and made Salie Derrick proof of residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Q What is your name? A Salie Derrick.  
Q How old are you? A 38 or 39.  
Q What is your place of birth? A Georgia.  
Q In what county of Georgia? A Lowndes.  
Q Do you say to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever borne any money from any tribe or nation? A No, sir.  
Q How do you want to enroll? A I want to enroll myself. A Not anyone.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A John Derrick.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he a Christian? A I proposed to be.  
Q How long have you been married? A Only for myself.  
Q What was your father's name? A Will Davis.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Amy Bean now, Amy Martin on the 1880 roll.  
Q What was your maiden name? A Salie Martin on the 1880 roll.  
Q The 1880 enrolled roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 283, No. 1883, Salie Martin, Delaware district.  
Q The 1880 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 884, No. 112, Salie Martin, Delaware district.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

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Rune C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th of May, 1881.

Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Commissioner of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wichita, Kan., May 7, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sallie Derrick for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Sallie Derrick, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sallie Derrick, now.  
Q How old are you? A 35 or 36.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cherokee Nation, I think.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Not anyone.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A John Derrick.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Supposed to be.  
Q You only apply for yourself though? A Only for myself.  
Q What was your father's name? A Will Davis.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Amy Bean now, Amy Martin on the 1880 roll.  
Q What was your maiden name? A Sallie Martin on the 1880 roll.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 285, No. 1622, Sallie Martin, Delaware district.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 654, No. 112, Sallie Martin, Delaware district.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Sallie Derrick applies for the enrollment of herself. She is identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 under the name of Sallie Martin, that having been her maiden name. She avers that she has since married one John Derrick. Her name as Sallie Martin is also found upon the census roll of 1896. She is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof of residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th of May, 1901.

*Bruce C. Jones*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.



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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *May 7-1901*  
 Post Office *Smiths St.*  
 District *Co.*

Name *Sallie Martin* Age *24*

Owner's name *Wm. Davis* Citizenship *Col.*

Year *1896* Page *34* No. *112* District *Col.*

Parents:

Father *Wm. Davis* Citizenship *Col.*

Mother *Amy Dean* Citizenship *Col.*

Name of wife *Sallie Martin* Age *24*

Owner's name *Wm. Davis* Citizenship *Col.*

Year *1896* Page *34* No. *112* District *Col.*

Parents:

Father *Wm. Davis* Citizenship *Col.*

Mother *Amy Dean* Citizenship *Col.*

Names of Children:

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Application made by *Ms. Jones* Stenographer *Ms. Jones*

*1. On roll as Sallie Martin*  
*1. 1896, Page 34 #112 Sallie Martin*  
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on each station that, as stenographer to the

The Commission.

Q You will be enrolled then as Salite Wright.  
A Yes, I was. What name he had given did you?  
A No sir.  
Q You enrolled with your own enrollment did you?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You went to be enrolled as Salite Wright?  
A Yes sir.  
Q But your name is Salite Wright?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You married a name?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You were enrolled as Salite Derrick because you thought that was  
I enrolled.  
Q When was your maiden name?  
A Salite Davis, Salite Martin  
Q Is your maiden name today?  
A Yes sir he is living now.  
Q Is so the only as Dave Wright's, his Grandfather and Grandmother.  
Q And name do they go by?  
A My Dave Derrick here, his name  
Q His father goes?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Derrick  
Q His father, a name is Wright, but he goes by the name of Ed  
Q You said he goes by the name of John Derrick?  
A John Wright.  
Q When was your Grandfather's first name?  
Q He is enrolled as Derrick and that is how come me to be enrolled  
Q How does he go to be enrolled as Derrick and his name is Wright?  
Q I enrolled when you were eleven years old?  
A I think so, I  
Q He is eleven years?  
A Yes sir, I have been married eleven  
Q In 1883 I believe, or 1884.  
Q When were you married to John Wright?  
Q That is your husband's name?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You are married?  
A Yes sir.  
Q What is your home office?  
A Twelve, John I believe.  
Q How old are you?  
A Salite Derrick.

Examined by the Commission:

Testified as follows:

SALITE DERRICK, being first duly sworn, and examined,

enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman:

In the matter of the application of SALITE WRIGHT, for the

Admission, I. C. March 30, 1903.

Commission for the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Department of the Interior,

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, T. T., March 30, 1903.

In the matter of the application of SALLIE WRIGHT, for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman.

SALLIE DERRICK, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Sallie Derrick.  
Q How old are you? A Twenty four I believe.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A John Wright.  
Q When were you married to John Wright?  
A In 1892 I believe, or 1893.  
Q Last year? A No sir, its been eleven years.  
Q Not eleven years? A Yes sir, I have been married eleven years in January.  
Q Married when you were eleven years old? A I think so, I am twenty four years old.  
Q How came you to be enrolled as Derrick and his name is Wright?  
A He is enrolled as Derrick and that is how come me to be enrolled under the name of Derrick.  
Q What is your husband's right name? A John Wright.  
Q You say he goes by the name of John Derrick?  
A His father's name is Wright, but he goes by the name of Ed Derrick.  
Q His father does? A Yes sir.  
Q Has your husband any brothers? A Yes sir.  
Q What name do they go by? A Why Dave Derrick here, his name is on the roll as Dave Whitmire, his grandfather and grandmother enrolled him.  
Q Is your husband here today? A Yes sir he's filing now.  
No, I have been married ten years.  
Q What was your maiden name? A Sallie Davis, Sallie Martin I enrolled.  
Q You were enrolled as Sallie Derrick because you thought that was your husband's name? A Yes sir.  
Q But your name is Sallie Wright? A Yes sir.  
Q You want to be enrolled as Sallie Wright? A Yes sir.  
Q You applied for your own enrollment did you? A Yes sir.  
Q Was your husband with you then? A No sir.  
Q You didn't know what name he had given did you? A No sir.  
A The Commission: You will be enrolled then as Sallie Wright.

E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. C. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 17, 1903.

*Samuel Foreman*

Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Washington, D. C., August 24, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Sallie Williams, formerly Sallie Wright, as a Cherokee freedman.

Sallie Williams, being duly sworn and examined  
by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sallie Williams.  
Q What is your age? A I don't know exactly my age, 26 though, I  
I aint mistaken.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Vinita.  
Q You claim to be a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Under what name were you enrolled by the Commission?  
A Sallie Wright.  
Q Were you married to a man named Wright? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he dead now? A No sir.  
Q Are you divorced from him? A Yes sir.  
Q Divorced by the U. S. Court? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you divorced? A It's been over two years.  
Q Have you married again? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A 26th of January.  
Q This past January? A Yes sir.  
Q Who were you married to? A Charlie Williams.  
Q Is he a freedman? A No sir.  
Q He is not a citizen? A No sir.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that as stenog-  
rapher for the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, I recorded  
the foregoing proceedings and testimony and that the above is a true  
and correct transcript of my stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 28 day of October 1904.

*W. A. Allen*  
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William P. Allen  
Notary Public.

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Cherokee F-723

McKee, Indian Territory, April 2, 1903.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

Referring to schedule number two of Cherokee Freedmen, heretofore forwarded to the Department, the Commission has the honor to report that the name of number 1808 on that schedule, Sallie Derrick, should be corrected to Sallie Wright.

On March 30, 1903, this applicant appeared before the Commission and testified that while she is sometimes known as Sallie Derrick, her correct name is Sallie Wright. It further appears that her husband is an applicant for enrollment by this Commission as a Cherokee Freedman, and is listed under the surname of Wright.

The Commission respectfully recommends that copies of the schedule retained by the Department, and in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs be corrected so that the name of number 1808 will appear thereon as Sallie Wright, and that the Commission be directed to make similar changes

on the copies of the schedule returned to it.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Through the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON, April 23, 1903.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Department letter of January 16, 1903, -- I.T. D. 330-1903 -- there is enclosed, herewith, a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated April 2, 1903, in which it is stated that the name Sallie Derrick which appears on the partially approved Cherokee freedman roll, opposite No. 1808, should be corrected to Sallie Wright. The Commission states that the applicant on March 30, 1903, testified that while she is sometimes known as Sallie Derrick, her correct name is Sallie Wright.

The Commission requests that it be granted authority to make the proper correction.

It is recommended that authority be granted, as requested, and that the office be authorized to make the proper correction on its partial Cherokee roll.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Tonner,

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

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April 29, 1903.

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The Commission

to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with recommendation in your letter dated April 2, 1903, concurred in by the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, you are hereby authorized and directed to correct schedule No. 2 of Cherokee Freedmen, so that the name shown opposite No. 1808 thereon will appear as Sallie Wright, instead of Sallie Derrick.

The Department has corrected its copy of the schedule in the above particular, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs has been directed to make a similar change on the copy on file in his office.

A copy of the Acting Commissioner's letter dated the 23rd instant is inclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

(signed) Thos Ryan,  
Acting Secretary.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of May, 1901.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winita, I. T., May 7, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Hattie Adams for the enrollment of herself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen, Hattie Adams being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Hattie Adams.  
Q How old are you? A 30.  
Q What is your post office address? A Winita.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply for enrollment by any other Nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Three children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A The oldest one is named Eugene Adams.  
Q How old is he? A 5 years old.  
Q The next child? A Georgia.  
Q How old is Georgia? A 5.  
Q The next one? A Beatrice.  
Q How old is she? A She is 3 years old.  
Q What is your father's name? A His name is George Lealey.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Her name is Phyllis Bean now.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Samuel Adams.  
Q Were you ever married before? A No, sir.  
Q Do you apply for your husband? A No, sir.  
Q What was your maiden name; is your name on the roll of 1880?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q By what name? A Hattie Bean.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Hattie Adams identified thereon, page 228, No. 330, Delaware district, as Hattie Bean.

- Q Is your mother Phyllis alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your father alive? A No, sir.  
Q Is he on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir, I think he was.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants not identified thereon.

- Q Did you draw strip money? A Yes, sir.  
Q Under what name? A Adams.

The Karna-Clifton pay-roll examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Hattie Adams on page 22, No. 540, Delaware district;  
Eugene Adams on page 22, No. 541, Delaware district, as  
Eugenia Adams.

- Q Are these children all alive and living with you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living here now? A Yes, sir.  
Q You say your husband is named Samuel Adams? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Well, he hasn't never drawn any money.

Commissioner: The name of Hattie Adams is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Hattie Bean, that having been her maiden name. She is duly identified as the applicant. Her name is also found upon the Karna-Clifton roll. She avers that she has three children. Her oldest child, Eugene, is found upon the Karna-Clifton roll. Her other two children, named Georgia and Beatrice, are not found upon said roll, having been born since the roll was compiled. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Hattie Adams and her three children will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

In order to complete the enrollment of the two youngest children it will be necessary for her to file satisfactory proof of their birth.

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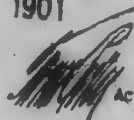
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

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May 7, 1901  
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Parents:

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Owner's name

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Parents:

Father

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Names of Children:

2. Eugene Adams

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Application made by

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1. As per roll as Hattie Bean

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2. " " " " as Augusta Adams - Del

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8. CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 734

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Georgia Adams*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE Nation.

Approved, *May 11* 1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Georgia Adams, born on the 22 day of Oct, 1895  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Samuel Adams, citizen of the U.S. Nation  
Name of Mother: Hattie Adams, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Visalia, Cal.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Hattie Adams, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Samuel Adams, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee U.S. Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 22nd day of Oct, 1895; that said child has been  
named Georgia Adams, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Hattie Adams(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 1901.G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Clora Foreman, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Hattie Adams, wife of Samuel Adams,  
on the 22 day of Oct, 1895; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Georgia Adams.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Teatice Adams*  
as a citizen of

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved, *May 7th* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Beatrice Adams, born on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1898  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Samuel Adams, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Hattie Adams, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Ninita Ind Ter

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Hattie Adams, on oath state that I am Thirty  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Samuel Adams, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1898; that said child has been  
named Beatrice Adams, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
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## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Ida Ross, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Hattie Adams, wife of Samuel Adams  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Beatrice Adams.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Bob Odey

as a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved Oct 14 1901

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Commissioner

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ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Babe Adams, born on the 11 day of September, 1901  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Samuel Adams, a citizen of the United States Nation  
Name of Mother: Hattie Adams, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation  
Postoffice: Winita, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Cherokee Nation.

I, Hattie Adams, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by Marriage, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Samuel Adams, who is a citizen,  
of the United States Nation; that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 11 day of September, 1901; that said child has been  
named Babe Adams, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of October, 1901

S. J. Poulis

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Winita District.

I, Ida Bean, mid-wife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Hattie Adams, wife of Samuel Adams,  
on the 11 day of September, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Babe Adams.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of October, 1901

S. J. Poulis

NOTARY PUBLIC.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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rights of Mr. Mayfield and his wife.

Has your wife Mayfield lived in the Cherokee Nation?  
Yes, sir, and the children.

Commissioner: Thomas Mayfield applied for the enrollment of himself, his wife and his daughter Louisa. His name is not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, but is found upon the Keweenaw roll, and the name of his child Louisa by his wife Mayfield is found upon the Keweenaw roll. The name of his wife Mayfield is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. They are all duly identified, and make satisfactory proof of residence. The head of the household of the said Thomas Mayfield is satisfactory to the Commission. Now comes the Cherokee Nation, by its representatives, and protests against the enrollment of the said Thomas Mayfield; consequently his name will be placed upon a doubtful card, awaiting further investigation by the Commission. The name of his wife Mayfield and his child Louisa will be placed upon a straight card, and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In the meantime, Mr. Mayfield will be notified by mail of the decision of the Commission in his case, and in the meantime if he has any other testimony to offer, he can do so at any time.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th of May, 1901.

Commissioner.

Straight as to Nioey Mayfield and child.

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wash., D. C., May 7, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Thomas Mayfield for the enrollment of himself, wife and one child as Cherokee Freedmen. Thomas Mayfield, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Thomas Mayfield.  
Q What is your age? A About 60 or 61.  
Q What is your post office? A Salina.  
Q What district do you live in? A Salina.  
Q And your post office is Salina? A Yes, sir.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir, no more than --  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1860? A No, sir, I don't think it is.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A I have got a wife and child. A What is her name? A Nioey Mayfield.  
Q How old is Nioey? A She is 64 or a little more.  
Q Is she a Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is her name on the roll of 1860? A I think it is.  
Q What are the names of the children you desire to enroll? A I have got one named Charley.  
Q How old is Charley? A He is forty some odd, I don't know.  
Q Well, he must enroll himself; have you got any children under 21 years of age? A Haven't got but one.  
Q What is that one's name? A Lou.  
Q How old is Lou? A 16.  
Q Is that a girl? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you a slave before the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q Between the United States and the Confederacy? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was the name of your owner? A Jane Mayfield and Walker Mayfield.  
Q Were you taken out of the country during the war? A I went out.  
Q Where did you go? A Went to Kansas.  
Q When did you return to the Cherokee Nation? A '86.  
Q Been living there ever since '86? A Ever since.  
Q You say your wife is on the 1860 roll? A Yes, sir, she has been on the 1860 roll, she may be there now.  
Q When did you marry her? A Been fifty or sixty years ago.  
The 1860 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Thomas Mayfield not identified thereon.  
Nioey Mayfield on page 649, No. 784, Saline district, as Nioey Mayfield, native Cherokee; note opposite her name says "Nioey Mayfield is Thomas Mayfield's wife."  
The 1860 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and none of the applicants identified thereon.  
Q Did you draw strip money for your wife? A No, sir, she never drew, I drew.  
Q You drew for her, didn't you? A No, sir, she never got it.  
Q Why? A I don't know, sir, why she was taken off at that time.  
Q Did you draw for Lou? A Yes, sir.  
The Kerne-Glifton pay-roll examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Thomas Mayfield on page 118, No. 2921, Saline district, as Tom Mayfield;  
Lou Mayfield on page 118, No. 2923, Saline district, as Louisa Mayfield.  
Nioey Mayfield not on Kerne-Glifton roll.

Note: Testimony of Thomas Mayfield, Filmore Hicks, Allen Lynch, and Amy Bean, as to citizenship of Thomas Mayfield, omitted from transcript in this case, as not affecting



RIGHTS OF THOMAS MAYFIELD AND LOU MAYFIELD.

Has your wife Nancy always lived in the Cherokee Nation?  
Yes, sir, and the children.

Commissioner. Thomas Mayfield applied for the enrollment of himself, his wife and his daughter Louisa. His name is not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, but is found upon the Kewau-Mission roll, and the name of his child Louisa by his wife Nancy is found upon the Kewau-Mission roll. The name of his wife Nancy is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. They are all duly identified, and make satisfactory proof of residence. The paper of the citizenship of the said Thomas Mayfield is satisfactory to the Commission.

Now comes the Cherokee Nation, by its representatives, and protests against the enrollment of the said Thomas Mayfield; consequently his name will be placed upon a doubtful card, awaiting further investigation by the Commission.

The name of his wife Nancy and his child Louisa will be placed upon a straight card, and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

In the meantime, Mr. Mayfield will be notified by mail of the decision of the Commission in his case, and in the meantime if he has any other testimony to offer, he can do so at any time.

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*Bruce C. Jones*  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th of May, 1901.

*Commissioner*

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 7, 1901  
 Post Office Salina St.  
 District Salina

1. Name Thomas Mayfield Age 76  
 Owner's name Jane Mayfield Citizenship  
 Year 1880 Page 148 No. 2921 District Salina  
 Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife Mary Mayfield Age 66  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 649 No. 764 District Salina  
 Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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| 2. <u>Louisa Mayfield</u> | Year <u>1880</u> | Page <u>118</u> | No. <u>2923</u> | Dist. <u>Salina</u> | <u>16</u> |
| 4. <u>Louisa</u>          | Year             | Page            | No.             | Dist.               |           |
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On 1880 poll as Thomas Mayfield

On 1880 poll as Mary Mayfield

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**THE DOCTOR V. THE PATIENT**

RE: TO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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**S U P P L E M E N T A R Y T E S T I M O N Y**

**CHEROKEE FREEDMAN No. 735.**

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 16th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Louisa Mayfield et al.  
Thomas Mayfield, father of said child being present and also the  
Representatives of the Cherokee Nation.

THOMAS MAYFIELD, being called and sworn as a witness, testified as  
follows Commissioner T. B. Needles as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Thomas Mayfield.  
Q What is your age? A. 35.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Saline.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Spavinaw.  
Q Do you know a child, 16 years of age, by the name of Louisa Mayfield?  
Q Yes sir.  
Q Who is the father of said child? A. I am.  
Q Are you enrolled as a doubtful citizen? A. That is the way they  
have me.  
Q You are the Thomas Mayfield who was enrolled here on the 7th of May  
are you? A. Yes sir, last week.  
Q Do you know the mother of Louisa Mayfield? A. Charles Lynoke's  
wife she is now.  
Q What is her first name? A. Ary.  
Q Were you ever married to Ary Lynch? A. No sir.  
Q How did you happen to enroll Louisa Mayfield then? A. I thought  
it was my child.  
Q Was you ever married to her mother? A. No sir.  
Q Did you ever live with her as man and wife? A. No sir, just skipped  
about.  
Q She was an illegitimate child then? A. Yes sir.

The records of the Commission examined and the name of Ary  
Lynch is found on R. Card #70, consequently the enrollment of  
Louisa Mayfield on Straight Freedman Card #735, as the daughter  
of Nioey Mayfield is an error and the said name of Louisa May-  
field should be enrolled on Cherokee Freedman card R. 70 with  
her mother Ary Lynch.

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Chas. von Weise being sworn states that as stenographer to the Com-  
mission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported in full all the  
proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full,  
true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16th of May, 1901 at  
Vinita, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*  
*T. B. Needles*

Commissioner.





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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 2, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lewis Bean for the enrollment of himself, his wife and four children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Lewis Bean, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner  
Needles, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Lewis Bean.

Q How old are you? A About 29.

Q What is your post office? A. Vinita.

Q In what district do you live? A Saline.

Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.

Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife and four children.

Q What is the name of your wife? A Sarah Hedrick.

Q. How old is she? A. About 37 years old.

Q. Have you or your wife ever applied to be enrolled by any other tribe or Nation than the Cherokee? A. We have been enrolled by the Cherokee.

Q Any other besides; did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation? A No, sir.

Q Ever draw any money from any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.

Q Have you both been recognised as Sherokes Freedmen? A Yes, sir.

Q Are your names on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Mine is.

Q Is hers? A I guess so, I never did see it.

Q Now give me the names of your children? A Eva Bean.

Q How old is she? A She is 9 years old.

Q The next child? A James Arthur Bean.

Q How old is he? A He is 7 years old.

Q The next one? A Clifton.

Q How old is Clinton? A He is 4 years old.

Q What was your father's name? A Jake Bean.

Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.

Q What was your mother's name? A Mahaley Bean.

Q Is she living? A No, sir.

Q What was the name of your wife's father? A Mose Hedrick.

Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.

Q What is the name of her mother? A I don't know her mother's name, she died before I was acquainted with her.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Lewis Beam identified thereon, page 619, No. 162, Saline district.

Sarah Bean not on 1880 roll.

Q Your wife isn't on the roll of 1880? A No, sir.

Q You knew she wasn't then all the time? A Yes, sir, I knew she wasn't on the roll of 1880.

Q You said she was? A I said she was enrolled.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and none of the applicants identified thereon.

Q : Did you draw strip money? A Yes, sir, and done spent it.

The Kerens-Clifton roll examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Lewis Beas on page 19, No. 478, Saline district; ~~mail~~~~xayx~~Bum;

XXXXXXXXXX Sarah Benn not on Kears-Clifton roll.

EVAN Bean on page 19, No. 479, Saline district, as Evoy Bean.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Sarah Bean identified thereon, page 116, No. 2874, as Sarah Hardwick, no district given.

Q Is Mose Hedrick living? A Yes, sir.

Q Where is he? A He is living in Vinita.

Q. Have you got any witnesses here? A. Simon Lynch.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Ever since I was born.

Q Are these children living? A Yes, sir: how many times have you got down there.

Q Three. A There is one more, there is four.

~~Testimony~~ Lewis Bean - 2.

- Q What is the fourth one named? A Sevier.  
Q How old is Sevier? A He is along about 8 years.  
Q Are you married to Sarah Bean? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you got any certificate of marriage? A No, sir.  
Q Anybody here know you were married to her? A Yes, sir, anybody outside there.

Allen Lynch, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Allen Lynch.  
Q What is your age? A 40 years old, or 41.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q Do you know this man Lewis Bean? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know his wife Sarah? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know whether they are married or not? A I know they live together, that is all I can tell you.  
Q How long have they been living together? A I just can't tell that, I don't know.

Simon Lynch, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Simon Lynch.  
Q What is your age? A About 73 I guess.  
Q What is your post office address? A Spavinaw.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know Lewis Bean? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know his wife Sarah? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know whether they are married or not? A Yes, sir, they were married.  
Q How do you know? A I was at the wedding and saw them married.  
Q Have they been living together as man and wife since then?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Have they got any children? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many? A Three; one of them is dead.

Commissioner, to applicant, Lewis Bean: Are any of these children dead? A Yes, sir.

Q Which one? A Eva.

Note: Witness, Simon Lynch, testified further as to citizenship of Sarah Bean, which testimony is omitted as not affecting rights of applicant Lewis Bean and his children.

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Commissioner: Lewis Bean applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife Sarah, and three children, James A., Clifton and Sevier. His name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the Kears-Clifton pay-roll. He makes satisfactory proof of his marriage to his wife Sarah, she having been named at that time Hedrick, the child of Moses Hedrick. Her name is not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, but is found upon the 1888 roll. The names of his three children, James A., Clifton, and Sevier, are not found upon any roll. Said Lewis Bean is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently he and his three children named herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of said children, it will be necessary for him to file with this Commission satisfactory proof of their births, their names not appearing upon any roll.

From the fact that his wife, Sarah, nee Hedrick, does not appear upon the authenticated roll of 1880, neither does the

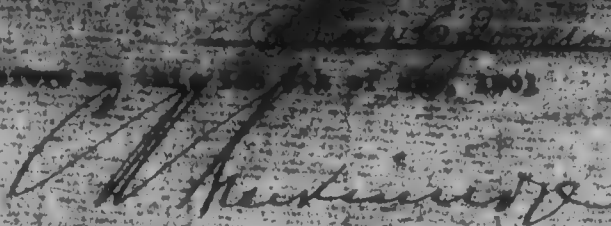
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Testimony

James C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of May, 1901

  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

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May 7, 1901

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Vinita D.T.

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Saline

1. Name

Lewis Beate

Age

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Owner's name

Citizenship

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No.

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Saline

Parents:

Father

Jake Beate - living

Citizenship

Mother

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Citizenship

Name of wife

Sarah Beate

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Owner's name

Citizenship

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as Sarah Hardrick

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Affidavits of birth required.

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10 CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Clifton Bear*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved

*May 18*

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Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Clifton Bean, born on the 24 day of December, 1896  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Lewis Bean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Bean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Viola, IA

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Sarah Bean, on oath state that I am 27  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lewis Bean, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 24 day of December, 1896, that said child has been  
named Clifton Bean, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Caroline Landrum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah Bean, wife of Lewis Bean,  
on the 24 day of December, 1896, that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Clifton Bean.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

John Downing  
Lewis Bean

Caroline Landrum  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Sevier Dean*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

1901

*May 18*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Sever Bean, born on the 5 day of August, 1900  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Lewis Bean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Bean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita, I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Sarah Bean, on oath state that I am 27  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lewis Bean, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 5 day of August, 1900 that said child has been  
named Sever Bean, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Caroline Landrum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah Bean, wife of Lewis Bean,  
on the 5 day of August, 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Sever Bean.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

John Downing  
Mary Hardrich

Caroline Landrum  
Per mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*James A. Bean*  
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,

of James A. Bean, born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1898  
(Here insert name of child.)

Name of Father: Lewis Bean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Name of Mother: Sarah Bean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Post-office, Winita, Ok.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Sarah Bean, on oath state that I am 27  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lewis Bean, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1898, that said child has been  
named James A. Bean, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Sarah Bean

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Caroline Landrum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah Bean, wife of Lewis Bean,  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1898, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named James A. Bean.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Caroline Landrum

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Frank C. Dean

as a citizen of

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Nation.

Approved

August 14 1902

Commissioner.

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Frank C. Bean

as a citizen of

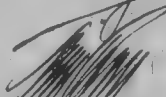
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Frank C. Bean, born on the 26 day of February, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Lewis Bean a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Bean a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Spavinaw, I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Sarah Bean, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lewis Bean, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 26 day of February, 1902; that said child has been  
named Frank C. Bean, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of June, 1902

Louis J. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Eliza J. Hardrick, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah Bean, wife of Lewis Bean,  
on the 26 day of February, 1902; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Frank C. Bean.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of June, 1902

Louis J. Brown  
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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Nowata, A. T., June 28, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ben Vann for the enrollment of his self and 5 children as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Headless, and examined by the Commission, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Ben Vann.  
Q Benor Benjamin? A Ben, always sign it Ben.  
Q How old are you? A 44.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Cherokee.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cowlesville.  
Q Do you apply for anyone else besides yourself? My children.  
Q How many children? A 5.  
Q Are they all under 21 years of age, and unmarried? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of the oldest one? A Cooley Vann.  
Q How old is Cooley? A I can't tell you; I will have to get it out of my book, I forgot the age. (Broodens papers.)  
Q Your oldest child on this paper is named Rufus? A Well his right give a name is Rufus, and I call him Cooley always, and I think he is on the roll Cooley.  
Q How do you want him enrolled? A As Cooley.  
Q He is about 16 years old? A Yes sir, will be this fall.  
Q Alexander is next one? A Yes sir.  
Q Alexander is about 12 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q Arrando next one? A Yes sir.  
Q That child is about 9 years old? A About 9, 10 this fall I think.  
Q Billie is the next child is it? A Yes sir.  
Q She is about 7 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q Cullie? A Cullie.  
Q He is about 4 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q These children are all alive and living with you at the present time? A Yes sir.  
Q They have lived in the Cherokee Nation all their lives? A Yes sir.  
Q Were they born here? A Born and raised here.  
Q Who is the mother of these children? A Eliza Vann.  
Q Is she living? A No sir, she is dead.  
Q Was she a recognized Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Her name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her name before you married her? A Eliza Ross.  
Q What was her father's name? A Oliver Ross.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Sophie Ross.  
Q When did she die? A It will be three years this coming August.  
Q Have you married since that time? A No sir.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A Yes sir, excepting a little while when I would go out to Kansas and back.  
Q You were a slave? A Yes sir.  
Q Who was your owner? A My father belonged to the Vanns.  
Q What was his given name? A I've Vann.  
Q What was your father's name? A Jess Vann.  
Q Your mother's name? A Katie.  
Q Your father and mother both living? A No sir, neither one of them.  
Q They were both Cherokee Freedmen? A Yes sir.  
Q You never applied to be enrolled in any other tribe or nation did you? A No sir.  
Q Your name is on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation  
examined and applicant identified on  
page 106 #314 Ben Vann Cowlesville Dist, adopted colored;  
1890 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and  
applicant identified on



Ben Vann et al.

page 423 #596 Ben Vann Cooweescoowee District;

Applicant: My wife will be on the 1880 roll with the family of Houston Rogers. She was raised in his family, he married her sister. He was her brother-in-law.  
Q About how old your wife would be if she was living now? A Aint her age on there. (Produces papers.)  
Q How old she would now be about 42 years old, did Houston Rogers ever have a child named Dierfel? No sir.  
Q Your wife was living with him in 1880? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife identified on  
page 163 #342 Lillie Rogers, Cooweescoowee Dist, adopted col.  
1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified on  
page 422 #595 Cooley Vann Cooweescoowee District;  
page 422 #600 Alex Vann Cooweescoowee District;  
page 422 #601 Arenas Vann Cooweescoowee Dist;  
page 422 #602 Lillie Vann, Cooweescoowee Dist;

Q Have you got an affidavit as to the birth of this child, Gullis? A (Produces papers.)

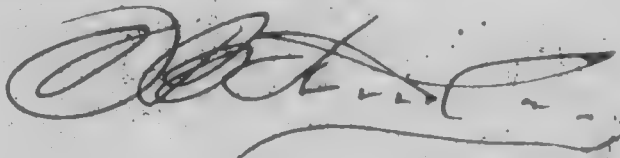
Commission: Ben Vann applies for the enrollment of himself and five children as Cherokee Freedmen; he is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896; satisfactory proof as to his residence has been made, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; his four oldest children identified upon the census roll of 1896, they are living at the present time, and will be listed for enrollment with their father as Cherokee Freedmen, and when he filed with the Commission satisfactory proof as to the birth of his child, Gullis, this child will also be listed with him as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M. D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 11, 1901.



Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
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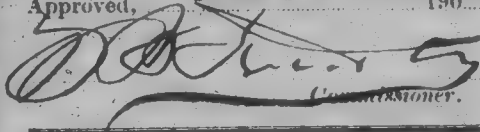
as a citizen of the

CHEROKEE Nation.

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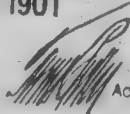
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of CULLIS VANN, born on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 1897.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: BEN VANN, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
Name of Mother: ELIZA VANN, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
Post-office, CATOOSA I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
NORTHERN District.

I, Ben Vann, on oath state that I am 44  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I ~~was~~ was the lawful ~~wife~~ husband of Eliza Vann (deceased) who ~~is~~ was a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to ~~me~~ her on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1897; that said child has been  
named Cullis Vann, and is now living, said Eliza Vann  
being now dead Ben Vann

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of June, 1901.

Louis F. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
NORTHERN District.

I, W. C. J. WARREN, a MIDWIFE, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. ELIZA VANN, wife of BEN VANN,  
on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 1897, that there was born to her on  
said date a MALE child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named CULLIS VANN.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

W. C. J. Warren

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 1901.

Thomas J. Daugherty  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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You never of any of them in the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.  
You have not since lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
You have not since lived in the Creek Nation? A No sir.

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which mentioned and admitted a name found thereon being 384  
The 1880 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee

and a No sir.

He has never been admitted himself to be enrolled as a Creek citizen.  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VIRGINIA, I. C., MAY 8th, 1901.

in the matter of the application of Arthur Martin for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, said Martin being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Arthur Martin.  
Q What is your age? A 31.  
Q What is your present office address? A Unadilla.  
Q What district do you live in? A Canadian.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other Nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A George Martin, he is dead.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Sallie Martin.  
Q Is she living? A She is dead.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Sarah Martin.  
Q Is she a citizen? A No, sir.  
Q No children, have you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll your children? A No, sir.  
Q Why? A She goes with her mother.  
Q What is your wife, a Creek citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q You have never applied yourself to be enrolled as a Creek citizen? A No, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 284, #1643, Arthur Martin, Delaware District.

The 1896 census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw your strip money? A No, sir.  
Q Why? A I was in prison when the rolls was made.  
Q Now, have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q You never claimed citizenship in the Creek Nation? A No, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES: Arthur Martin applies for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman. His name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, but not found upon the census roll of 1896 or Kerns-Clifton roll. He is duly identified according to the page and number of the roll and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 8, 1906  
 Post Office Chickatah St.  
 District Canadian

1. Name Arthur Martin Age 31

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 284 No. 1643 District Delaware

Parents:

Father Geo. Martin - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Sallie " dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by No. 1

Stenographer J. A. Presson



Excerpted and sworn to before me June 8th 1952 at New York.

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testimony is a fine and complete transcript of his stenographic record and the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the report to the Commission to the five qualified officers, and that the A. O. Rosenbloom being first sworn states that as stenog-

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Charles T. Johnson

They are both fully identified and were satisfied with the results. The report of Philip of said child, two years of age, was that one child named Debra and the pres-

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
WASH., D. C., MAY 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Florence Lane for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen, said Lane being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Florence Landrum.  
Q How old are you, Florence? A About 25.  
Q What is your post office address? A Ketchum, I. T.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody but yourself? A I got one child.  
Q What is its name? A Della Lane.  
Q How old is it? A She is two years old.  
Q Are you married? A Has been, not now.  
Q What was your husband's name? A Iry Lane.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your name is Lane then, isn't it? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Spence Landrum.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Mary Roe.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, dead.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1860? A Yes, sir.

BY W. W. HASTINGS, Cherokee Representative:

- Q Is your mother a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her name? A Mary Roe.

THE 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name not found thereon.

BY COMMISSIONER NEEDLES:

- Q Your name is not on the roll of 1880, can you think of any other name you can be on there by? A No, sir.  
Q Who raised you? A My father, Spence Landrum.  
(Applicant said to be on the 1880 roll as Buffington.)  
Q Did you have a sister Mary? A That's my mother.  
Q Was your mother at one time named Buffington? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 230, #364, Florence Buffinton, Delaware District.

BY W. W. HASTINGS: were you ever married before you married Lane?

A No, sir.

COMMISSIONER NEEDLES: This child of yours is named Della, isn't it?

A Yes, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 29, #718, as Florence Landrum, Delaware District.

- Q You say you have lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Is this child, Della, living now? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--Florence Lane applies for the enrollment of herself and her child, Della. Her name is identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Florence Buffington, her mother having been named Buffington at the time of the enrollment. Her name is not found upon the census roll of 1890, but it is found upon the Kerns-Clifton roll as Florence Landrum, and she is fully identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence.

Placenta found as above.

They were then and one white named John and the other  
with satisfactory proof of birth of said child, two years of  
age. They are both fully identified and more satisfactory  
proof as to residence will be listed for enrollment as  
Charles Freeman.

and so on.

J. Q. Henson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenog-  
rapher to the Commission to the Fair Civilized People, he has  
recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic  
notes thereof.

J. Q. Henson

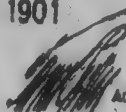
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 1901.



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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

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**Parents:**

**Father** ..... **Citizenship** .....

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Florence L. Lane Age 23

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**Parents:**

Father *Spencer Landrum* Son *Landrum* Citizenship *Landrum*

Mother *Mary Rowland* Citizenship *Cher. French*

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Stenographer J. R. Rison

1 On 8th roll as Florence Buffington

10. K. and B. " Page 29 \* 7/8.0 Florence Landrum

2 Affidavit of birth required. Wd.

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**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

**INFANT CHILD**

*Sella Larr*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*May 8th*

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*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Hella Lane, born on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Iry Lane, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Florence Lane, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Ketchum, I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Florence Lane, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Iry Lane, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1899; that said child has been  
named Hella Lane, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

4<sup>th</sup> day ofMay

1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Jennie Howning, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Florence Lane, wife of Iry Lane,  
on the 4 day of May, 1899, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Hella Lane.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Martha Lyons  
Elias LyonsJennie Howning  
Per  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

4 day ofMay

1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

my born - Exp - April 15 - 1903

*David Horner*  
*Chair*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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CHAIRMAN

A g r e e m e n t.

This agreement made and entered into on this the 10th day of October A. D. 1901, by and between Ira Lane, party of the first part and Florence Lane, party of the second part,

W i t n e s s e t h : That for and in consideration of the covenants and undertakings herein after provided, the party of the second part hereby agrees to surrender to the party of the second part, the care, custody and control of Eva Ardella Lane, the minor child of the parties to this agreement, during the pendency of a divorce suit pending in the U. S. Court, wherein said party of first part is plaintiff and party of second part is defendant, and that she will abide the decision of said court regarding the care, custody and control of said minor child.

Party of second part hereby agrees to take charge, control and management of said child, to provide for said child and to allow said party of second part, the privilege of visiting said child when she so desires and to abide the decision of the U. S. Court as to the care, custody and control of said child.

Signed this the day and year last above written.

Witness to name  
S. F. Parks,

Ira Lane  
Party of first part.

Florence Lane  
Party of second part.

United States of America,  
Northern District,  
Indian Territory.

On this the 10th day of October 1901, personally came before me S. F. Parks a Notary Public, Ira Lane and Florence Lane and acknowledge that they have executed the above agreement for the purposes and considerations therein set forth as their free voluntary act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal this the day and year last above written.

S. F. Parks  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., March 14, 1903.

In the matter of the application of FLORENCE LANE, for the enrollment of herself and her daughter DELLA LANE, as Cherokee Freedmen:

FLORENCE LANE, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

- Q What is your name ? A Florence Lane.  
Q How old are you ? A Twenty three years old.  
Q What is your post office ? A Ketchum.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman ? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name is on the roll of 1880 ? A Yes sir.  
Q In what district ? A Delaware.  
Q Were you born in Delaware District ? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you lived in Delaware District all your life ?  
A Yes sir, I aint been nowhere else only on Grand River, aint that in Delaware District ?  
Q What was your maiden name ? A Florence Landrum.  
Q When were you married ? A I don't know, sir, exactly, its been somewhere over five years though.  
Q What was your husband's name ? A Iry Lane.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman ? A No sir.  
Q A State man is he ? A I don't know whether he has got his business fixed up or not, he's claiming as a Freedman, he's on a doubtful card.  
Q Have you and your husband separated ? A Yes sir.  
Q When did you separate ? A Something over three years.  
Q You lived together about two years ? A Just about I reckon.  
Q Did you have a child by Iry Lane ? A Yes sir.  
Q What is its name ? A Della.  
Q What is its full name ? A Eva R. Della Lane.  
Q How old is that child ? A She will be four years old in May.  
Q Who has the child now ? A I left her with my aunt, I taken her away from him a while back, he is talking of going and getting her.  
Q When you separated, who took the child ? A I did.  
Q You took the child in the separation ? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you sue your husband for divorce ? A Yes sir.  
Q You sued ? A Yes sir.  
Q How did you and your husband make any agreement as to who was to have possession and custody of the child Della ?  
A No sir; he all the time talked to me about it.  
Q You never made an agreement with him at all ?  
A No sir, I told him I wasn't willing for him to have the child, I always did.  
Q Who drew up this agreement here ? A I don't know whether it is the same agreement or not, where I put in for divorce, Iry Lane said Sam Parks drew up the agreement.  
Q And he said you signed it ? A Yes sir, he said I signed it, but I never did sign it.  
Q When was that ? A I don't know when it could have been.  
Q Wasn't it last October a year ago ? A I don't know.  
Q Where were you when you signed this ? A That agreement? I don't know where I could have been to sign it.  
Q You say you did sign it ? A I said I don't know where I could have been when I signed it, I don't remember of signing no agreement with Sam Parks for Iry to have the child.



- Q Did you sign any paper ? A No sir, never did sign no paper.
- Q Who sued for divorce ? A I did, myself.
- Q Has that suit been decided ? A No sir.
- Q It is still pending ? A Yes sir, he just commenced telling me about this agreement a while back since he has commenced to try to file.
- Q When you separated you took the child ? A Yes sir.
- Q Have you had it since ? A Off and on.
- Q Has he ever had it ? A Yes sir.
- Q When did he get it ? A He would just come and pick it up from the yard and take it somewhere to some neighbor's and leave it, and I would go get it. He would come back and get had and come back and take it off somewhere else.
- Q How long have you had the child now ? A I have had it ever since last May.
- Q When did you bring suit for divorce ?
- A Its been last month sometime; I don't remember just exactly when.
- Q Didn't you bring suit for divorce before last month, you say it was last month you started your suit for divorce ?
- A It was in February.
- Q Wasn't there a suit for divorce started two years ago ?
- A No sir. I never started nary one.
- Q Didn't your husband start a suit for divorce two years ago ?
- A No sir, I know he never did, for he never had nothing to start one.
- Q Do you know whether he started one or not ?
- A I don't think he did.
- Q Wasn't any papers served on you ? A No sir.
- Q You are certain he never sued for divorce ?
- A No sir, for I am sure I would have had to come up there.
- Q How do you know Sam Parks drew up this paper ?
- A Why Mr. Soper said that Mr. Parks said, that Mr. Thompson said that Sam Parks drew up the agreement that was made between us, I just thought it was that one, the same one.
- Q How did you come to talk to Mr. Soper about it ?
- A Because Mr. Soper is the man I got to get the divorce, he's the man I paid the money to.
- Q You say he told you that ? A He told me that this man Thompson told him that Sam Parks was the man that made out the papers.
- Q Which papers ? A The agreement me and Iry made about the child.
- Q Was that the first you know of it ? A Yes sir, Mr. Soper told me about that this morning.
- Q Can you read ? A No sir, I can't read writing much.
- Q You would know your name if you saw it wouldn't you ?
- A Yes sir.
- Q Well, you look at that signature, that second signature on this paper ? A This, (indicating) ?
- Q Yes ? Isn't that your signature ? A No sir.
- Q Didn't you write that ? A No sir.
- Q Did ever you see this document before ?
- A I don't remember of ever seeing no such paper as this.
- Q Had you any intention of giving up the custody of your child ?
- A No sir, I never was willing to it, and never will be, and everybody knows it. There's been up a row about the child all the time.
- Q Did your husband ever ask you to sign an agreement of this kind ?
- A No sir, but he would ask me was I willing to give him the child, or would I let somebody be guardian for the child. I told him no, if I aint capable of being guardian for my own child, if there aint no other way of getting around it nobody else will be. I said I had to work for my child.
- Q This conversation between you and your husband was after the separation ? A Yes sir.
- Q Have you ever seen Sam Parks ? A Yes sir.
- Q Did you ever say anything to him about this ? A No sir.

Q Have you ever been to Sam Parks' office ?

A Yes sir, I have been there.

Q With your husband ? A Yes sir.

Q When was that ? A Away when we first parted, shortly afterwards.

Q What did you talk about ? A This man wanted to know if I was willing for him to have a divorce. And I says "Yes I am willing to, I don't care how soon you get it". Well Sam Parks wouldn't talk no more about it because this man Iry Laws had no money to pay him to start to get a divorce with, and so he talked no more about it. He had no money and I went down, and I haven't seen Sam Parks in his office and haven't been in Sam Parks' office since.

Q Was there any paper of any kind drawn that day ? A No sir.

Q Did you sign anything at all that day ? A Didn't sign nothing in Sam Parks' office not a thing. He talks as if he done nothing without Iry have the money to pay him.

Q Did your husband ever ask you again, after your meeting in Sam Parks' office, if you were willing to give up this child ?

A Oh the other day he came to where I sit and asked me if I was willing for him to have the child, and I told him no.

Q Just a few days ago ? A Yes sir, he was at my house.

Q Did he say anything about an agreement you made ?

A No sir, he asked me would I be willing to draw up one. Didn't say nothing about an agreement being man.

Q That was a few days ago ? A Yes sir, and he said no more, but he come on here to town.

Q You say he never sued you for divorce ?

A No sir, he had no money to sue me for one; he never put in for one.

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E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. C. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this June 1, 1903.

*Simon R. Wallingfield*  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE  
Tahlequah, I. T., June 28, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Florence Lane  
for the enrollment of herself and child, Della Lane, as Chero-  
kee Freedmen, No. 739.

JOSHUA MARTIN, being duly sworn by Joe Chambers, a  
Notary Public, and examined by the Commission, testified as fol-  
lows:----

- Q What is your name? A Joshua Martin.  
Q How old are you? A About 23.  
Q What is your post-office? A Chelsea.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your father? A Aaron Martin.  
Q And your mother? A Queen Martin.  
Q Have you married since you filed? A I filed some before  
I married.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Florence Lane, it use  
to be Florence Martin now.  
Q She's a Cherokee Freedman is she? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she the mother of Della Lane? A Yes sir.  
Q Is the child living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife's father? A Spencer Landrum.  
Q When were you married? A I was married in March. This  
coming March is 3 years ago.  
Q Married in March 1904? A Yes sir.  
Q What day? A I disremember now what day it was.  
Q Are you and your wife living together now? A Yes sir.

Joe Chambers, being duly sworn, states that as steno-  
grapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he cor-  
rectly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above  
and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic  
notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 6th day of July, 1905.

*Joe Chambers*  
*Samuel Freeman*  
Notary Public.





Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1901.

notes thereof.

Referring to a true and complete transcript of his stenographic  
recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
testimony to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he corrected  
J. O. Reason, being first duly sworn, states that as stated.

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be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

Samuel Vann and his children, as enumerated herein, will  
then make settlement by deed as to residence, consequently  
upon the Keene-Clifford lot and they are duly identified.  
children, Dennis, Ulysses, John, Bruce and Nolan, are found  
he is duly identified as the applicant. The names of his  
enrolled by lot of 1880 and the Keene-Clifford lot and  
himself and his children. His name is found upon the  
COKR list as Samuel Vann applicant for the enrollment of

Samuel Vann, et al.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE WILK CIVILIZED TRIBES  
VIRGINIA, I.T., MAY 5th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Samuel Vann for the enrollment of himself, wife and five children as Cherokee Freedmen, said Vann being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. B. Headlen, 189-1  
Testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sam Vann.  
Q How old are you? A About 40 years old, I guess.  
Q What is your post office address? A Canby, Va.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Children.  
Q How many children? A Five.  
Q Wife? A Yes, sir, she is not on any of the rolls I guess she never did draw any.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Rachel.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other Nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1896? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Dennis, 17 years old.  
Q Next child? A Lula.  
Q How old is Lula? A 15.  
Q The next one? A Ulysses.  
Q How old is Ulysses? A He is twelve years old.  
Q The next one? A Bruce.  
Q How old is he? A Ten.  
Q The next one? A Nolan.  
Q How old is Nolan? A Seven years old.  
Q What is your next mother's name? A His name is Rufus Vann.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Lucy.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.

The 1890 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 338, #2722, Samuel Vann, Delaware District.

- Q Did you draw your strip money? A Yes, sir.  
Q You drew for these children too didn't you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you enrolled in 1896? A Yes, sir.

The 1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants not found thereon.  
The Kerns-Clifton Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

- Page 20, #499, Sam Vann, Delaware District.  
Page 20, #500, Dennis Vann, Delaware.  
Page 20, #501, Lula Vann, Delaware District.  
Page 20, #502, Lizzie Vann, Delaware District.  
Page 20, #503, Bruce Vann, Delaware District.  
Page 20, #504, Nolan Vann, Delaware District.

- Q How are these children all living at this time? A Yes, sir, living yesterday morning when I left.  
Q Hearty were they? A Yes, sir.  
Q All for breakfast? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir, nowhere else.

Samuel Vann, et al.

JOHN H. HODGES, Samuel Vann Applicant for the enrollment of himself and five children. His name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerns-Cliston roll and he is duly identified as the applicant. The names of his children, Dennis, Thomas, John, Bruce and Nolan, are found upon the Kerns-Cliston roll and they are duly identified. They make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Samuel Vann and his children, as suggested herein, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of May, 1901.



Commissioner.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 8, 1901  
Chapin S.C.  
Alabama1. Name Samuel Vann Age 40

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 332 No. 2792 District Del

Parents:

Father Rufus Vann - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother Lucy " - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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| 2. <u>Dennis</u> | Year <u>1880</u> | Page <u>20</u> | No. <u>500</u> | Dist. <u>Del</u> | <u>17</u> |
| 3. <u>Lula</u>   | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>20</u> | No. <u>501</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>15</u> |
| 4. <u>Myssus</u> | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>20</u> | No. <u>502</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>12</u> |
| 5. <u>Bruce</u>  | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>20</u> | No. <u>503</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>10</u> |
| 6. <u>Molan</u>  | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>21</u> | No. <u>504</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>7</u>  |
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1 On K. & B. roll, Page 20 # 499 - Sam Vann  
3 " " " " as Lulu Vann  
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Bureau of Indian Affairs  
at Washington, D.C.  
on the 1st day of April  
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General Agent  
Commissioner



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, January 23rd, 1903.

In the matter of the application of  
Samuel Vann for the enrollment of  
himself and children; Dennis, Lula,  
Ulysses, Bruce and Nolan Vann, as  
Cherokee Freedmen.

Supplemental to F-740.

Samuel Vann, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. What is your name? A. Sam Vann.  
Q. Samuel Vann? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. How old are you? A. I don't know just exactly, must be  
somewhere along---  
Q. 42? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What is your post office? A. Chaffee.  
Q. You are claiming the right to be enrolled as a Cherokee  
Freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Does your name appear upon the roll of 1880? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Have you been living in the Cherokee Nation ever since  
1880? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Never lived anywhere else? A. No, sir.  
Q. What is your wife's name? A. Rachel.  
Q. Does she claim to be a Cherokee Freedman also? A. Yes,  
sir.  
Q. When were you married to her? A. I couldn't tell you  
just when. I guess we must have been living together in 1880, when  
they took the census. We was married before that about 3 years.  
Q. You have been married over 20 years, have you? A. Yes,  
sir.  
Q. How many children have you by your wife Rachel? A. Why,  
we have got five living with us.  
Q. Dennis? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Lula? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Ulysses? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Bruce? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. And Nolan? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You are the father of all these children? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Your wife Rachel is their mother? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Are they all living? A. Yes, sir; was yesterday evening  
when I left.  
Q. All living at home with you? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. All have lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since they were  
born? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You have never lived with any other woman except Rachel?  
A. No other woman.  
Q. She has never lived with any other man except you?  
A. No, sir.

Jesse O. Carr, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5

*Jesse O. Carr*  
5th of March, 1903.

*Samuel Fortina*  
Notary Public.



ment of himself. His name is  
"Conrad Reedling" - Simon Rabin, 27, enrolled for an enroli-

Q. Now married? A. No, sir. I have been. I stay, & now.  
Q. Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A. Yes, sir.

STON TANK, N. S. SETTLE DISTRICT.

The Kaine-Coffin Pair of friends of the Cherokee Nation examined and exhibited a name not found therein. The two names were found therein, page 88, "1850".

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I. T., MAY 8th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Simon Lynch, Jr., for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, said Lynch being sworn and examined by Commissioner J. O. Rosson, testifies as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Simon Lynch, Jr.  
Q How old are you, Simon? A 33 years old.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Saline.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q What is your father's name? A Simon Lynch.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Nancy.  
Q Is she living? A She is dead.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe besides the Cherokee? A No, sir, I guess not.  
Q Never tried to enroll by the Creeks or Choctaws? A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever try to draw any money? A Yes, sir.  
Q From any other Nation except the Cherokee? A No, sir, I drew strip money.  
Q Not from the Creeks or Choctaws? A No, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 645, #656, Simon Lynch, Saline District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name not found thereon.

The Kerns-Clifton Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 29, #726, Simon Lynch, Jr., Saline District.

- Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Not married? A No, sir, I have been, I ain't now.

COM'R NEEDLES:--Simon Lynch, Jr., applies for the enrollment of himself. His name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerns-Clifton pay roll. His name is not found upon the census roll of 1896. He is duly identified according to the page and number of the rolls and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 8, 1901

Post Office

Adair St.

District

Saline

1. Name

Simon Lynch Jr.

Age 23

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Saline

Parents:

Father

Simon Lynch - living

Citizenship

Mother

Mammy " - dead

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

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Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

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Stenographer

J. B. Proctor

1 Out 880 roll as Simon Lynch  
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Unscripted and sworn to before me this 27th day of May 1961

under oath.

Forgoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic recording of the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the report to the Commission to the five Civilized Tribes, as collected by L. O. Rogers, being filed only upon review that is correct.

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For submission as Cherokee Freedmen

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINTH, I.T., MAY 24, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Susan Johnson for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Johnson being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A My name is Johnson now, Susan Johnson.  
Q How old are you, Susan? A About 38.  
Q What is your best office? A Spavinaw.  
Q What district do you live in? A Salina.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who? A Two children.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Walter Thompson.  
Q How old is he? A He is 14.  
Q The name of the next one? A Ethel Thompson.  
Q How old is Ethel? A She is twelve.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other Nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A On the 1880 roll it is Susan Martin.  
Q What is your husband's name now? A Dave Johnson.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you living with him? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Turk Vann.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir, he is dead.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Mintie Barlow now.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you ever married before you married Johnson? A Yes, sir.  
Q To whom? A Nelson Thompson.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you ever married before you married Nelson Thompson?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Whom to? A Fobe Martin.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880 as Martin? A Yes, sir, Susan Martin.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 284, #1640, as Susan Martin, Delaware district.

- Q How long have you been married to Johnson? A Going on three years I guess.

The 1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name and that of her children not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw strip money? A Yes, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

- Page 11, #271, Susan Thompson, Delaware District.  
Page 11, #273, Walter Thompson, Delaware District.  
Page 11, #274, Ethel Thompson, Delaware District.

- Q Are these children living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q All your life? A Yes, sir.



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GOV. S. KERR: Susan Johnson applied for the enrollment of herself and her two children, Walter and Ethel Thompson. She is identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Susan Martin, that having been the name of her husband at that time. She is identified upon the Kerne-Clinton pay roll as Susan Thompson, Thompson having been the name of her husband at the time of the Kerne-Clinton enrollment. She has since married one Dave Thompson. The names of her two children, Walter and Ethel Thompson, are identified upon the Kerne-Clinton pay roll. They make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently said Susan Johnson and her two children, Walter and Ethel Thompson, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Reason, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Reason*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*

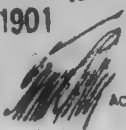
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 8, 1904  
 Sherman St.  
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1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|                    |           |         |         |           |    |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|----|
| 2. Walter Thompson | Year 1880 | Page 11 | No. 270 | Dist. Del | 14 |
| 3. Ethel           | Year "    | Page 11 | No. 274 | Dist. "   | 12 |
| 5.                 | Year      | Page    | No.     | Dist.     |    |
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Application made by

Stenographer

Wm. I. Ross  
 1 On 1880 roll as Susan Martin  
 1 " K and L" Page 11 #271 - Susan Thompson  
 Del.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Muskegee, Indian Territory, June 18, 1907.

Cher. Freedman Card #748  
Roll No. 1829

In the matter of the application for the selection of an allotment in the Cherokee Nation for Walter Thompson, Emma Thompson and Susan Johnson.

WALTER THOMPSON, being duly sworn by W. W. Chappell, Notary Public, testified as follows:

On behalf of Commissioner:

- Q What is your name? A Walter Thompson.  
Q What is your age? A My mother said I would be 22 the 3rd of August.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Chaffee.  
Q You are a Cherokee freedman, are you?  
A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name?  
A Susie Johnson.  
Q Are you married?  
A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Emma Irons; Emma Thompson now.  
Q What is your wife's father's name? A Ned Irons.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Julia Irons.  
Q How old is your wife? A 19.  
Q When were you married to her? A September 23.  
Q What year? A 1906.  
Q What is your purpose in appearing before the Commissioner today?  
A To file for myself and Susie Johnson and my wife.  
Q Susie Johnson is your mother? Yes sir.  
Q How do you represent her? A By power of attorney.  
Q Why is it that she does not appear in person for the purpose of making her selection of allotment? A She is sick; she is troubled with rheumatism.  
Q She is physically unable to appear here? A Yes sir.

Walter Thompson presents a power of attorney executed on the day of June, 1907, by Susan Johnson authorizing the said Walter Thompson to act for her in the matter of selecting her allotment in the Cherokee Nation. The records of this office show that Emma Thompson, nee Irons, wife of Walter Thompson, is identified upon the tribal roll of Cherokee freedmen opposite No. 789; her name appears upon Cherokee F. card, field No. 288, together with her father, Ned, and her mother Julia Irons, and other members of the family.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly reported the testimony given above and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 18th day of June, 1907.

May Hudson  
W. W. Chappell  
Notary Public.

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DOUBTFUL as to wife, MARTHA LANDRUM:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 24th, 1901.

In the matter of the enrollment of Spencer Landrum for the enrollment of himself, wife, MARTHA, and three children, as Cherokee Freedmen; said Landrum being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Spencer Landrum.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Landrum? A. About 35.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Ketchum.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A. My wife and children.  
Q How many children? A. Four.  
Q What is your wife's name? A. Martha Landrum.  
Q How old is she? A. She is about 28.  
Q What are the names of your children? A. Albert/  
Q How old is Albert? A. 12.  
Q The next one? A. Obee.  
Q How old is Obee? A. He is nine years old.  
Q The next one? A. Gertie May.  
Q How old is Gertie May? A. Four.  
Q The next one? A. That is all.  
Q Three children? A. Three children.  
Q What is your father's name? A. Arch Landrum.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Winnie.  
Q Is she living? A. No, sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife's father? A. Gilbert Vann.  
Q What is the name of your wife's mother? A. Susan P. Vann.  
Q Your wife's name was Vann when you married her? A. Yes, sir.  
Q Are you her first husband? A. Yes, sir.  
Q Is she your wife's wife? A. Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 278, #1493, Spence Landrum, Delaware District.

- Q Is your wife's name on the roll of 1880? A. I don't think it is.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants not found thereon.

The Kerns-Clifton Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 29, #717, Spence Landrum, Delaware District.

(Applicant's wife's name not on roll.)

Page 29, #719, Albert Landrum, Delaware District.

Page 29, #720, Bess Landrum, Delaware District.

Page 29, #721, Bertie Landrum, Delaware District.

- Q Have you got any certificate of marriage to Martha? A. No, sir.  
Q Have you any proof of marriage here? A. I don't know.  
Q Who married you? A. Why, man by the name of.  
Q Is he living? A. He is an Indian, I don't know whether he is living or not, I haven't got any certificate at all.  
Q You have got no witnesses here to the marriage? A. No, sir.  
Q You say Albert is your son? A. Yes, sir.  
Q 19 years old age? A. About that.  
Q Is Martha the mother of him? A. Yes, sir.  
Q You say she is 28 years of age? A. I don't know her age, she may be 30, that is the mother though.  
Q You will have to prove your marriage by somebody? A. My father knows it, everybody knows it.

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ARCH LANDRUM, being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q Your name is Arch Landrum? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A Going on 70.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum.  
Q Is the applicant here, Spencer Landrum, your son? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know his wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her name? A Martha Landrum.  
Q Do you know whether they were married or not? A Lawfully married?  
Q Yes. A I could not say whether ~~when~~ they were or not.  
Q Have they been living together as man and wife? A All the time.  
Q For how long? A I don't know.  
Q Twenty years? A About 20 years, or longer than that.  
Q Have they been acknowledged by the neighbors and in the community? A Yes, sir.  
Q He held Martha out as his wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is his oldest child's name? A Albert.  
Q Was Albert born while they were living together as man and wife? A Yes, sir.

SPENCER LANDRUM, re-called, testified as follows:

- Q Now, what proof have you got as to the citizenship of your wife, Mar. Landrum, her name is not on the roll? A I haven't got any proof at all only her mother had a case in all the courts that was ever setting and had Allen Lynch as her witness and that is the proof as to their citizenship.  
Q Is Allen Lynch here? A I don't know whether he is or not.  
Q You know nothing about her citizenship then yourself?  
A No, sir, I don't know anything about it.  
Q You didn't draw money for her? A Yes, sir.  
Q You drew strip money? A Yes, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of Applicant's wife found thereon, page 156, #3856, as Martha Vann, Coowasecovee District.

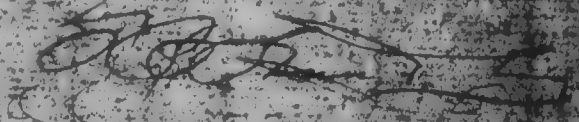
- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q You say you have no evidence to give at the present time as to your wife? A No, sir, nothing but Al.

COM'R NEEDLES:--Spencer Landrum applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and three children, Albert, Obee and Gertie M. He is identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerns-Clifton roll. He makes satisfactory proof as to his marriage to his wife, Martha, by whom he has the children applied for, and their names are found upon the Kerns-Clifton pay roll. He and his three children are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. The name of his wife, Martha, cannot be found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 or any other roll in the possession of this commission, except the Kerns-Clifton roll, where she appears as Martha Vann, Vann having been her maiden name. Because of the fact that her name does not appear upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and no satisfactory proof is given as to her citizenship, her name will be placed upon a doubtful card for the further consideration of the Commission.

Spencer Hendrum, et al., vs.

J. Q. Roosen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1901:



Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

May 8 1901

Post Office

Kitchum Dg.

District

Delaware

1. Name

Spencer Landrum

Age 35

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1870

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No.

1493

District

Del

Parents:

Father

Arch Landrum - living

Citizenship

Mother

Mammi - living

Citizenship

2. Name of

~~Martha Landrum~~

Age 28

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

~~1886~~

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No.

~~2227~~

District

~~Del~~

Parents:

Father

~~Albert Landrum~~

Citizenship

Mother

~~Martha Landrum~~

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|     |                |      |      |      |    |     |     |       |     |    |
|-----|----------------|------|------|------|----|-----|-----|-------|-----|----|
| 3.  | Albert Landrum | Year | 1886 | Page | 29 | No. | 719 | Dist. | Del | 19 |
| 4.  | Bee            | Year | "    | Page | 29 | No. | 720 | Dist. | "   | 9  |
| 5.  | Artie M.       | Year | "    | Page | 29 | No. | 721 | Dist. | "   | 4  |
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Application made by

M. L.

Stenographer

J. H. P. P. P.

1 On 1880 roll as Spencer Landrum  
 1 " " " " Page 29 \* 717 - Spencer Landrum Del  
 4 " " " " " as Bee Landrum  
 5 " " " " " " Artie " "  
 2 ~~Martha Landrum - 1880~~

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VANINA, I. T., MAY 8th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Joshua Bean for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, said Bean being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Joshua Bean.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Bean? A About 30 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vanina.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware district.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman?  
Q Just yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other tribe or Nation besides the Cherokees? A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other Nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Joe Bean.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Patsy Vann.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 519, #166, Joshua Bean, Galine District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw your Cherokee strip payment money? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Don't apply for the enrollment of your wife? A No, sir.  
Q She is a non-citizen? A Yes, sir, she is a citizen.  
Q Are you and her living together? A No, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 19, #484, Joshua Bean, Galine District.

- Q Joshua, have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Continuously since 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--Joshua Bean applies for the enrollment of himself. He is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the Kerns-Clifton pay roll. His name is not found upon the census roll of 1896. He is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1901.

*J. O. Rosson*

Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

May 8, 1901

Post Office

Emata, D.C.

District

Delaware

1. Name

Joshua Brown

Age

29

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

166

District

Saline

Parents:

Father

Joe Brown

Citizenship

X Colored

Mother

Betsey Ann

Citizenship

X Colored

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

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Stenographer

J. O. Reason

On K.C. roll Page 19 No 484, Saline Dist





Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of March 1887.

*James*

After spoken.  
I subscribed in a fine and complete transcript of his statement  
read before the committee and his signature in this case, and that the  
reply to the Commission to the Live Oath was given by him, he  
being the person, being that his sworn states that as a person.

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name as Charles Brecken.

Ann and his wife, David Ann, will be stated for annu-  
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Johnson Ann

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I. T., MAY 24th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Johnson Vann for the enrollment of himself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen, said Vann being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Hodges, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Johnson Vann.  
Q What is your age, Mr. Vann? A 56.  
Q What is your post office address? A Chouteau.  
Q What district do you live in? A Coowescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Two children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Cannigan.  
Q How old is Cannigan? A About 21.  
Q If he is 21 he must enroll himself, is he here? A No, sir.  
Q Is his name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q He will have to come himself. What is the name of the next child? A Daisy.  
Q How old is Daisy? A 19.  
Q Did you ever apply for enrollment to any other Nation or Tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other Nation or Tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 195, #3120, Johnson Vann, Coowescoowee District, with this note: "Johnson Vann was sold out of the Nation during the war; after the war he returned like a white man and married his wife as required by law as white man, etc."

- Q What do you say about that, Johnson? A Well sir, I was with my Master down in the Choctaw Nation and we went to Texas and he left me there and went to Richmond.  
Q What did you do? A He left me there to work there and he told me he was ~~was~~ going to hire me out to work until he come back and when he come back he didn't find where I was because they had moved me from where he had left me to a Tan Yard and he come into town where he left me.  
Q What was your Master's name? A Dave Vann.  
Q When did you come back to the Cherokee Nation? A '65.  
Q Been here ever since? A Yes, sir; how come this thing to happen there was some half breed come to my house one night and he told me that he was a friend of mine and he told me to move out of my place and get into the Creek Nation and that he was going to move me out and he told me to go and I told him I would not go and I goes up to Young Mr. Joe Vann was living and I went to him and Joe tells me says "I am in bad fix myself and you have never been sold and to keep them from bothering you I will give you an order to give Joel Hayes, Judge of the District" and I took the letter to Joel Hayes; then he wrote me a letter and I carried it to the Clerk.  
Q You are not married now? A No, sir.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants' names found thereon as follows:  
Page 422, #608, Johnson Vann, Coowescoowee District.  
Page 422, #610, Daisy Vann, Coowescoowee District.

- Q How is Daisy living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Always have, sir.  
Q What was Daisy's mother's name? A Delilah Vann.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.

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Q Is she on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.

Q Delilah? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of Applicant's deceased wife found thereon, page 105, #3121, Delilah Vann, Coowasee District.

BY W. W. HASTINGS? Cherokee Representative:

Q Who was your Master? A Dave Vann.

Q He left the Cherokee Nation before the war with you?

A No, sir.

Q Where were you living when the war come up? A Right next at that old building at Dora Vann's.

Q Dora McCracken? A Yes, sir.

Q And that is how far from Chouteau? A About three miles from Chouteau.

Q You were living about three miles east of Chouteau with Dave Vann? A With Clem Vann. I was farming at the time the war come up and when they went away we went to work down on the farm the Master had on the other side of the river on the Drake farm.

Q And then when the war come up he took you south? A Yes, sir.

Q Now, Johnson, who did you come back with? A A white man by the name of Mr. Wade West.

Q Where did you come to? A Fort Gibson.

Q Now, how long did you live at Fort Gibson then after you come there after the war? A I never lived there at all.

Q What part of the country did you live in? A I went off down there on the river and went to work.

Q For whom? A I went to work for a man down there on the river.

Q I want to know what his name was? A Well, I don't know, I didn't stay there but a short time.

Q Where did you go directly after you come back? A I come on up the river and went to work for a fellow by the name of Reuben Still.

Q Is that near your old home? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know some that were living around there? A Charlie Burgess and Dave Tadpole.

Q Near Chouteau, near where you old home was where you worked?

A Down in the bottom.

Q You have lived right in that neighborhood ever since?

A Yes, sir.

Q You explained that they were about to trouble you and you afterwards got a license to marry? A Yes, sir.

Q That is the things they were about to trouble you about, this place? A Yes, sir; now I worked for Mr. Vann a year before that, about two or three years before that Joe Vann I come up up there and worked for him.

Q You were married after the war then? A Yes, sir, this was my wife before the war.

Q Delilah? A Yes, sir, I left Delilah and went south.

Q Did you come back to her when you come back up here?

A Yes, sir, I come back and got her.

Q Went and got her? A Yes, sir.

BY COMMISSIONER NEEDLES:

Q Where was Ounnigan Vann born? A Born where I am living.

COM'R NEEDLES:--Johnson Vann applies for the enrollment of himself and one child Daisy Vann. He is identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. He avers that he was married to one Delilah Vann, by whom he had one child named Daisy, and the name of Delilah Vann is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, she now being deceased. The name of his child, Daisy, is found upon



Johnson Vann, et al., vs. the State.

The Census Roll of 1890. It makes satisfactory proof as to his residence and is duly identified, consequently Johnson Vann and his child, Daisy Vann, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Reason, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

J. O. Reason

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of May 1901.

J. H. [Signature]

Commissioner



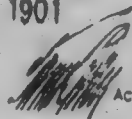
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date May 8, 1901  
 Post Office Sehontian, Ga  
 District Row

1. Name Johnson Vann Age 56  
 Owner's name David Vann Citizenship Cherokee  
 Year 1880 Page 195 No. 3120 District Row  
 Parents: 1

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|                       | Year        | Page       | No.         | Dist.      |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 3. <del>Johnson</del> |             |            |             |            |
| 4. <u>David Vann</u>  | <u>1880</u> | <u>195</u> | <u>3120</u> | <u>Row</u> |
| 5. <u>John</u>        |             |            |             |            |
| 6. <u>Martha</u>      |             |            |             |            |
| 7. _____              |             |            |             |            |
| 8. _____              |             |            |             |            |
| 9. _____              |             |            |             |            |
| 10. _____             |             |            |             |            |
| 11. _____             |             |            |             |            |
| 12. _____             |             |            |             |            |

Application made by M. O. I. Stenographer J. O. Ross

No. 1 on 1880 Vol Page 195 No. 3120, Row Dist  
3 aff. of birth requested

Supplemental.

O. P. Straight Card 745.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Winnipeg, N. D., May 9, 1901.

Supplemental testimony in the matter of the application of Johnson Vann et al. for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner E. F. Hurd, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Johnson Vann.  
Q How old are you? A 58.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Chouteau.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll now? A I want to enroll a baby.  
Q What is its name? A Juanita Vann.  
Q How old is this child? A About three months old.  
Q What is its mother's name? A Daisy Vann.  
Q Daisy Vann was enrolled her yesterday, was she? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got any proof of birth of the child made out? A No sir.  
Q I didn't have none made out.

Applicant applied for the enrollment of Juanita Vann, his grandchild, being a child of Daisy Vann, his daughter. Daisy Vann is found enrolled on card No. 745, and her child, Juanita Vann, will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, upon filing with this Commission satisfactory proof of the birth.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 1901,

*E. F. Hurd*  
Commissioner.

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## Application for Enrollment of

as a citizen of

**Nation.**

Approved

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Juanita Vann, born on the 4 day of Dec, 1900  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Ben Harlin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Daisy Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Chautau, S.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Daisy Vann, on oath state that I am 19  
years of age and a citizen, by John A. A. A., of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Ben Harlin, who is a citizen, by  
John A. A. A., of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 4 day of Dec, 1900; that said child has been  
named Juanita Vann, and is now living.

WITNESSED TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Daisy Vann

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of May, 1901.

John S. Fox

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Sarah Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Daisy Vann wife of Ben Harlin,  
on the 4 day of Dec, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Juanita Vann.

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sarah Vann

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of May, 1901.

John S. Fox

NOTARY PUBLIC.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Tahlequah, I. T., November 2, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Johnson Vann for the enrollment of himself and daughter Daisy and grand daughter Juanita Vann as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

BENJAMIN HARLIN, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Benjamin Harlin.  
Q How old are you? A About 27 or 28.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Chouteau.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Daisy Harlin.  
Q She was a daughter of Johnson Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A Two years ago this coming January, the 11 day.  
Q January 11, 1902? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you living together now? A Yes sir.

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes taken therein.

*Clinton W. Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
2 day of November, 1904.

*James E. Finner*  
Notary Public.







HOUSEHOLD, No. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wichita, D. T., May 1, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Joseph Martin for the enrollment of himself, wife and one child as Cherokee Freedmen, both sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Joseph Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 20 years old.  
Q What is your present office address? A Springtown.  
Q What district do you live in? A Springtown.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife and child.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Malinda Mayfield; Malinda Martin now.  
Q How old is she? A 30.  
Q What is your child's name? A Clarence Martin.  
Q How old is Clarence? A 2 years old.  
Q Did you ever apply to any other nation or tribe to be enrolled?  
A No sir.  
Q Your wife? A No sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Tobe Martin.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Susan.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q Your father is dead? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your wife's father's name? A Charles Mayfield.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Peggy Mayfield.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are they citizens? A Yes sir.  
Q Recognized Freedmen are they? A Yes sir.  
Q Your father and mother recognized Freedmen were they? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A I was too young.  
Q Did you have a brother named Nathaniel? A Yes sir, half-brother.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's mother identified the same as follows: page 284 #1440 Susan Martin, Delaware Dist, adopted colored.

- Q Was Nathaniel older than you? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for Charles and Peggy Mayfield and names not found.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant and name not found.

- Q Did you draw Strip money? A Yes sir.  
Q Your mother married again? A Yes sir. I am enrolled with my mother.  
Q What's her name? A Susan Johnson now.  
(Applicant's mother comes up and says she was a Thompson at that time.)

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's identified the same as follows: page 11 #372 Joe Thompson, Delaware Dist, page 115 #2934 Malinda Mayfield, Delaware District.

- Q Have you any certificate of marriage to Malinda? A Yes sir, not with me though.  
Q Have you got it at home? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q This child Clarence, have you got a certificate of birth?  
A Yes sir. (Produces page re.)

Joseph Martin et al.

This child is alive? Yes sir.

Com'r. Needham. Joseph Martin applied for the enrollment of himself, his wife Malinda, and his child, Clarence; he is 30 years of age; his name is not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; he avers that he is a child of Tobe and Susan Martin, and the name of his mother, Susan, is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 according to page and number of the roll as described in the testimony; his name is found upon the census roll of 1880 but is found upon the Kerns-Clifton roll as Joseph Thompson; his mother's name at the time of said enrollment having been Thompson, which accounts for the difference in names; the name of his wife, Malinda is found upon the Kerns-Clifton roll; he avers that she is the child of Charles and Peggy Hayfield, but the names of his wife's father and mother are not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and they are classed as doubtful citizens; he avers that he has one child, 2 years of age, and he presents satisfactory proof as to the birth of said child, but presents no satisfactory proof as to his marriage with said wife, Malinda; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence; said Stephen Martin Joseph Martin makes satisfactory proof as to citizenship. Consequently Joseph Martin and his child Clarence, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen but in order to complete the enrollment of his child Clarence it will be necessary for him to file with this Commission certificate of his marriage to his wife, Malinda. The fact that the father and mother of his wife, Malinda are not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and they not been duly identified as Cherokee Freedmen, the name of his wife, Malinda, will be placed upon a doubtful card, for further consideration by this Commission; her name, however, appears upon the Kerns-Clifton pay roll.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 8, 1901.

*A. H. H. H. H.*

Commissioner.




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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 8, 1901  
 Post Office Shannon, D.C.  
 District Saline

1. Name Joseph Martin Age 20  
 Owner's name H.C. Citizenship Delaware  
 Year 11 Page 11 No. 277 District Delaware

Parents:  
 Father Robt Martin dead Citizenship Delaware  
 Mother Susan Johnson living Citizenship "

2. Name of wife Mahinda Martin Age 20  
 Owner's name H.C. Citizenship Delaware  
 Year 11 Page 11 No. 274 District Delaware

Parents:  
 Father Chas Mayfield Citizenship Delaware  
 Mother Stage Citizenship "

Name of Children:

| No. | Name                   | Year     | Page     | No.      | Dist.    |
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| 3.  | <u>Lawrence Martin</u> | <u>✓</u> | <u>✓</u> | <u>✓</u> | <u>✓</u> |
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Application made by No 1 Stenographer W. A. Green

No 1 on H.C. roll as Joe H. Thompson  
No 2 " " " " Mahinda Mayfield

No 3 with certificate required

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Clarence Martin*

as a citizen of

*Sherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*May 8<sup>th</sup>*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Special Agent

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

F. T. D

8. 1901

*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Clarence Martin, born on the 17 day of March, 1899.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Joseph Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Malinda Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Spavinaw Ind Ter

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Malinda Martin, on oath state that I am 20  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joseph Martin, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 17 day of March, 1899; that said child has been  
named Clarence Martin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Mammie Bean  
Geo Bailey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of April, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN; OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Caroline Landrum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Malinda Martin, wife of Joseph Martin,  
on the 17 day of March, 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Clarence Martin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

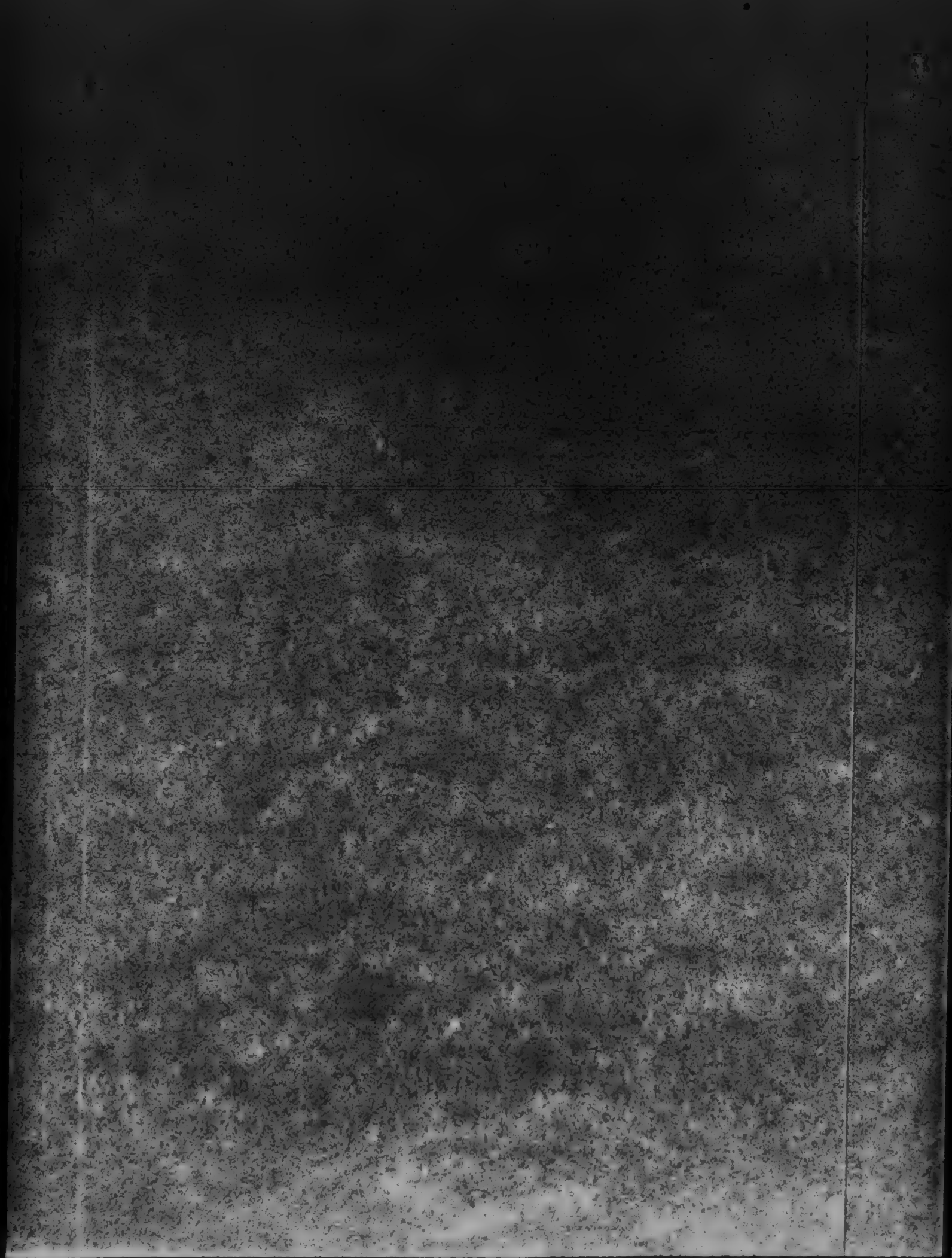
Chas. Mayfield  
Geo. Bailey

Caroline Landrum  
Notary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of April, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

my term exp. - April 10 - 1903.





Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of 1901.

file and complete transcription of his stenographic notes thereof.  
Commissioner to the five Civilized Tribes in this case and that the foregoing a  
M.D. Green being first duly sworn, states that he correctly recorded the

to will be necessary for him to file with this Commission  
put in order to complete the envelope of the child Willie  
Willie will be listed for the infant as Charles Lequent  
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in question of all of 1880. Also upon the Keweenaw Island  
at present and her child Willie; her name is found upon the  
Commissioner's records: Includes been submitted for the envelope  
How he has the name including of Tom and V including  
Cecil line; and she is given  
of that is the children has had in 1880's V No 211; I had one named  
of her name and child named Willie and the name B. and V Yes 211.  
of your name found in the case of 1880's V Yes 211.

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signed and name of the District of.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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the District of.  
submitted to be as follows:

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wash., D.C., May 3, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Lucinda Bean for the enrollment of herself and child as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lucinda Bean.  
Q What is your age? A 50 years old.  
Q What is your last office? A Virgin.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman, is that right? A Yes sir.  
Q Whom do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Lillie Bean.  
Q One child? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is Lillie? A 16 years old.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever draw money from any other tribe or nation besides the Cherokee? A No sir.  
Q Never ~~draw~~ tried to be enrolled by any other nation except the Cherokee? A No sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your husband's name? A Arthur Bean.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he here? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Rufus Vann.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Lucy Vann.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q How long have you been married to Mr. Bean? A About 30 years.

Examined by Cherokee Representative, W.W. Hastings:

- Q Alice and Patsy and Ellen your children? A Alice and Patsy is, I didn't have no Ellen.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified the roll as follows:  
page 328 #326 Lucinda Bean, Delaware District.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant not found thereon.

Examined by Commissioner Needles:

- Q Did you draw your Strip money? A Yes sir.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant and child and names not found thereon.

- Q Are you sure you draw your Strip money? A Yes sir.  
Q Under the name of Bean? A Yes sir.  
Q Never went by any other name in the last 25 or 30 years than Bean? A No sir.  
Q Where did you draw your money? A Drawn at Hayden.  
Q You know Lucinda Bean? A That's my name.  
Q You know Eliza Bean? A That's Lander's Bean's daughter.  
Q Did you have any other children at that time? A None but her and Alice.  
Q Who is Phillis Bean? A That's my sister.  
Q Is your name Louisa or Lucinda? A (No reply)  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Well I went out in time of the war.  
Q Well but since the war, since 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Is this child Lillie your child? A Yes sir.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation ex-

Lucinda Dean et al.

Shirley and Jane of 1012 ... identified ...  
page 23 of 24 ...

- Q Your name though in 1898 is ...
- Q You had a child named Alice and one named Patsy? A Yes sir.
- Q That's the children you had in 1898? A Yes sir. I had one named  
Cathie Patsy and she is dead.
- Q Now is your name Lucinda or somewhat a Lucinda?

Commissioner: Needles: Lucinda Dean applied for the enrollment  
of herself and her child ...  
as to her residence, consequently, Lucinda Dean and her child  
Alice will be listed for enrollment at Cherokee Freedmen  
but in order to complete the enrollment of the child Alice  
it will be necessary for her to file with this Commission  
satisfactory proof of birth of said child.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the  
testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 8, 1901.

*Commissioner*

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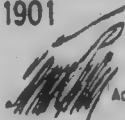
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *May 8<sup>th</sup> 1890*  
 Post Office *Princeton S.C.*  
 District *Delaware*

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother *Lucinda Bean* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife *Lucinda Bean* \_\_\_\_\_ Age *50*  
 Owner's name *228* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year *1880* Page *228* No. *328* District *Delaware*

Parents:

Father *Rufus Vann* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship *Delaware*  
 Mother *Ruby* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Lillie Jean*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE Nation.

Approved.

*May 13* 1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN BE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Lillie Bean, born on the 26 day of December, 1884.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Arthur Bean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucinda Bean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Visita, Ariz.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Lucinda Bean, on oath state that I am 50  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Arthur Bean, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1884; that said child has been  
named Lillie Bean, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sherman Landrum  
Geo Bailey  
Lucinda Bean her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Arthur Bean ~~Father Only~~ Father, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lucinda Bean, wife of myself Arthur Bean.  
on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1884; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Lillie Bean.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sherman Landrum  
Geo Bailey  
Arthur Bean her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bean  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Cherokee Freedman No. 747.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Tahlequah, I. T. September 16, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Lucinda Bean for the enrollment of herself and daughter, Lillie Bean as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

LILLIAN BLY, being duly sworn and examined by the Commissioner, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lillian Bly.  
Q How old are you? A 30.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vinita.  
Q Are you a daughter of Lucinda Bean? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Henry Bly.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? A The first time in 1900 and the second time in 1904.  
Q What is the time of your second marriage? A January 6.  
Q Were you divorced from the first marriage? A No sir he died.  
Q I married George Blair and then married Henry Bly.  
Q When were you and George Bly married? A In 1900.  
Q Then you married Henry Bly after he died? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and Henry Bly living together now? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you and George Blair have any children? A No sir.

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes taken therein.

*Clinton W. Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 4 day of September, 1904.

*J. H. D. [Signature]*  
Notary Public.



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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Winnipeg, Minn., May 3, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Amanda Johnson for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Manda Johnson.  
Q How did you come to be here? A I was drawn by my name.  
Q When you drew your name, how old were you? A I was 55.  
Q How old would you be now? A I was 55.  
Q What is your last name? A Johnson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline District.  
Q You want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman, do you? A Yes sir.  
Q Want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Just my daughter, Manda.  
Q But she is big enough to enroll herself? A Yes sir.  
Q Well, have you got any little children? A No sir.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.  
Q Never tried to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation outside of the Cherokees? A No sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 640 #553 Manda Johnson, Saline Dist., adopted colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant not found thereon.

- Q Did you live in Tahquah District? A Yes sir, awhile.  
Q Did you live there five or six years ago? A Yes sir.  
Q You drew Strip money, did you? A Yes sir.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 21 #527 Mandy Johnson, Saline District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880, 20 years ago? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.

Com'r Needles: Amanda Johnson applies for the enrollment of herself; she is identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerns-Clifton roll as Mandy Johnson; she is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 3, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 8, 1901  
 Post Office Spanaway, D.C.  
 District Saline

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Amanda Johnson Age 59  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 140 No. 553 District Saline

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

On 1880 roll as Manda Johnson  
Out Roll Page 140 No 553, Saline Dist. Mandy  
Johnson



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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winita, I. T., May 8, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Alice Jones for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Alice Jones.  
Q How old are you, Alice? A About 38.  
Q What is your post-office? A Springtown.  
Q Do you live in Saline District? A Yes sir.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman do you? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A 2 children, Oscar and Willie Jones.  
Q How old is Oscar? A About 18.  
Q How old is William? A He is 12.  
Q Are you married? A No sir, not now; I have been.  
Q What was your husband's name? A Monroe Jones.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Mandy Johnson.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Walker Johnson.  
Q He is ~~now~~ living? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 640 #554 Alice Johnson Saline Dist, adopted colored.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant and children, and names not found thereon.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicants and identified thereon as follows:  
page 21 #528 Alice Jones, Saline District.  
page 21 #529 Oscar Jones, Saline District.  
page 21 #530 Willie Jones, Saline District.

- Q Does he sign his name Willie or William? A Willie.  
Q Are these children both living at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q How long lived out of it? A No sir.

Com'r Needles: Alice Jones applied for the enrollment of herself and two children, Oscar and Willie; she avers that her maiden name was Alice Johnson, and her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Alice Johnson; her name nor that of her children are found upon the census roll of 1896, but are found upon the Kerns-Clifton pay roll; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently herself and two children will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes there.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 8, 1901.

*M.D. Green*

Commissioner

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 8, 1901

Post Office

Spartan, S. A.

District

Saline

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Alice Jones Age 35

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 640 No. 554 District Saline

Parents:

Father Walker Johnson Citizenship Married

Mother Mauda \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

3. Jason Jones Year KC Page 21 No. 529 Dist. Saline

4. William Jones Year KC Page 21 No. 530 Dist. "

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by

H. O. L.

Stenographer

H. O. L.

H. O. L. on 1880 roll as Alice Johnson

H. O. L. on 1880 roll Page 21 No. 528, Dist. Saline





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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Wash., D.C. May 3, 1901

In the matter of the application of Caroline Landrum for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles and the following:

- Q What is your name? A Caroline Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 41 years.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Savannah.  
Q You live in Saline District? A Yes sir.  
Q You want to be enrolled as a Cherokee? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll, because you say you have a daughter?  
A I have got a grand-daughter here.  
Q What is your grand-daughter's name? A Carrie.  
Q Is she of age? A Yes sir.  
Q Com'r. She can come and enroll herself.  
Q You have got no young children you want to enroll? A No sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q You never applied to any other tribe or nation and have not done the Cherokee? A No sir.  
Q Have I drew any money from any tribe but the Cherokee? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 343 #664 Caroline Landrum, Saline Dist, adopted colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows.

Kerna-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 17 #435 Caroline Landrum, Saline District.

- Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles Caroline Landrum applies for enrollment of herself; she is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and upon the Kerna-Clifton pay roll; according to page and number of the roll, and makes satisfactory proof of residence, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 3, 1901.

*A. H. ...*

Commissioner.

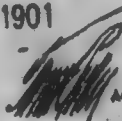
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

Post Office

District

May 8 1901  
 Robert S. Parman, Sb  
 Saline

1. Name ..... Age .....

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

2. Name of wife Caroline Randall Age 60

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year 1880 Page 646 No. 664 District Saline

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

Names of Children:

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Application made by ..... Stenographer M. D. Green

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Vinita, T. Ex. May 8, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Carrie Martin for the enrollment of herself and child as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Carrie Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 19.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Spawinsaw.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q You want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You want to be enrolled as a child of your mother? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your child? A Flossie Williams.  
Q How old is Flossie? A A year old.  
Q What is your father's name? A George Martin.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Sallie Martin.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.  
Q Ever been married? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's mother identified thereon as follows: page 284 #1642 Sallie Martin, Delaware District, adopted roll.

- Q Sallie Martin was your mother? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant not identified thereon.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified as follows: page 18 #442 Carrie Martin, Saline District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.  
Q This child Flossie living? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: Carrie Martin applies for the enrollment of herself and her child Flossie Williams; her name is not found upon the census roll of 1896, but is found upon the Kerns-Clifton pay roll—she avers that she is a child of Sallie Martin, and is duly identified as such, and the name of Sallie Martin is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as indicated in the testimony, and she presents satisfactory proof of birth of her child Flossie Williams; they are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Carrie Martin and her child, Flossie Williams, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 8, 1901.

*M.D. Green*  
*Commissioner*

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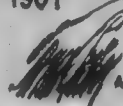
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 8 1901  
 Post Office Spaulding, D.C.  
 District Saline

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Carrie Martin Age 19  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year K.C. Page 18 No. 447 District Saline

Parents:

Father Bro. Martin dead Citizenship Dead  
 Mother Lillie Citizenship "

Names of Children:

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Application made by \_\_\_\_\_

Stenographer M.D. Green

Not Birth certificate required.

Fredman #751

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Hosier Williams*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved,

*May 8<sup>th</sup>*

1901

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Flossie Williams, born on the 3rd day of May, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Gus Williams, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Carrie Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Spavanaw I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Carrie Martin, on oath state that I am 19  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption col, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by  
\_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 3rd day of May, 1900; that said child has been  
named Flossie William, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Carrie Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Caroline McIntosh, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Carrie Martin, wife of \_\_\_\_\_,  
on the 3rd day of May, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Flossie William.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sherman Landrum  
Geo. S. ...

Caroline X McIntosh  
mark mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

my son - Exp - April 10-1903.





Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Vinita, I.T., May 8, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Fannie Hight for the enrollment of herself and two grand-children as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Fannie Hight.  
Q How old are you? A About 30 years old.  
Q What is your post-office? A Spavinaw.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline District.  
Q You want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes sir, I have 2 grand-children. (Produces papers.)  
Q Con'r: Elma Wallace, born in 1893, be eight years old;  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Oliver Wallace.  
Q How old is Oliver? A 10 years old.  
Q What is the name of the father of Elma Wallace? A John Wallace.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he a Freedman? A No sir.  
Q What is the mother's name? A Mary Wallace.  
Q Is she a Freedman? A Yes sir, she was my daughter.  
Q Is she living? A No sir, she is dead.  
Q Are you married now? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Steven Hight.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Irving Varn.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q Your mother's name? A Phoebe.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe besides Cherokee? A No sir.  
Q Have I drawn any money from any other tribes besides the Cherokee? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 600 #2142 Fannie Varn, Illinois District, adopted colored.

Applicant: My daughter was Mary Bean on the roll of 1880.

- Q Are you her mother? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name was Bean at one time? A No sir, my name was Varn; that was her father's name, but this is my first marriage.  
Q How old would Mary Bean be if she were alive? A She would be 28.  
Q Why isn't Mary Bean on the roll of 1880 with you? A I never went by the name of Bean; I went by my father's name, Fannie Varn.  
Q What district was Mary Wallace in when she was on roll of 1880?  
A Saline District.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined and Mary Bean identified thereon as follows;  
page 620 #172 Mary Bean, Saline District, adopted colored;

- Q Now the mother of Elma Wallace and Oliver Wallace was Mary Bean?  
A Yes sir.  
Q That was her name before she married John Wallace? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant and name not found thereon.

- Q You drew your Strip money? A Yes sir.  
Q By what name? A Fannie Varn.

Fannie Hight et al.

Kerns-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified therein as follows:  
page 122 #6028 Fannie Vann, Saline District.

- Q How did your name happen to be Vann when you drew your Kerns-Clifton money? A I just went by my father's name, Vann.  
Q You were not married to Hight? A No sir.  
Q You have got no children by Hight? A No sir.  
Q Who is Sallie Sutton? A That's my daughter; she is dead.

Kerns-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and Oliver Wallace identified therein as follows:  
page 122 #3039 Oliver Wallace, Saline District.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A No sir, I haven't always lived there.  
Q Have you lived there for the last 20 years? A Yes sir, and longer.  
Q Are these children living at this time, Oliver and Elma?  
A Yes sir.

Examined by Cherokee Representative, W.W. Hastings:

- Q Your father's name was Irving Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q And your mother was named Phoebe? A Yes sir, but my mother died before the war, and she has never been on no roll.  
Q Who brought you up? A My sister.  
Q What was her name? A Margret Bean.  
Q Is that Fobe Bean's wife? A Used to be; she is dead.  
Q And you went to Kansas with her? A Yes sir.  
Q And you came back here with her? A Yes sir.  
Q And after you came back, since the war, you have lived here in Delaware and Saline Districts all the time, since the war? A Yes sir.  
Q Your father ever marry since? A Yes sir, he had a woman.  
Q What was her name? A Cyndie Beck.  
Q Have any children by her? A Yes sir, a girl.  
Q What was her name? A Lizzie.  
Q Is Irving alive? A No sir.  
Q His wife? A She is dead.  
Q And this Lizzie? A And Lizzie is dead.  
Applicant: My father lived in Illinois District and I lived in Saline District; I wasn't married in 1880; but I had some children; I lived with my father after the war, I lived with my father, and I left him and lived with my sister in Saline District; my father never put me on the roll; I always done my own putting myself on the roll; I never lived with him.

Examined by Commissioner Needles:

- Q But you never lived in Illinois District did you? A I lived there two or three years with my father in Fort Gibson.

Examined by Cherokee Representative, W.W. Hastings:

- Q I thought you said you never? A I said I lived with my father awhile, but not all the time; I lived with my sister.

Examined by Commissioner Needles:

- Q You recollect what district you were in when you put your name on the roll of 1880? A I was in Saline District.  
Q You were taken to Kansas during the war? A Yes sir.  
Q When did you come back? A I come back here in '66.  
Q Come back with your father? A No sir.  
Q Where was he during the war? A He was here in the Nation all the time of the war.  
Q He never went away? A No sir.



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- Q What was your owner's name? A Lander Bean.  
Q Is there nobody here that knows you were back in 1866?  
A Yes sir, I guess most all of these folks ought to know what  
knows me here.  
Q Who here knows you? A Mary Johnson, Alice Johnson, Sam McHair,  
Simon Lynch.  
Q Was Sam McHair a slave of your owner? A Yes sir.  
Q Anybody is so that you came back with? A Yes sir.  
Q Who? A Tobe Bean, out here, and Joe Bean.

PHILLIS BEAN, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles,  
testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Phillis Bean.  
Q How old are you, Phillis? A I don't know, about 51.  
Q What is your post-office? A Vinita.  
Q Do you know Fannie Hight? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know where she was during the war? A Yes sir.  
Q Where was she? A She was here.  
Q Was she taken out of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, she  
was in Kansas.  
Q When did she return from Kansas? A '66.  
Q Did she return with you? A Yes sir.  
Q Was Phillis Bean your name in 1880? A No sir, I was a Vann.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation  
examined for witness, and Phillis Bean, and found.

- Q You and Fannie came back together? A Yes sir.  
Q You know whether Fannie's name was ever found on the roll of  
1880 or not? A No sir, I don't know.

Applicant re-called, and further examined, by W.W.Hastings,  
Cherokee Nation Representative:

- Q You know you had to try your case five years ago, and brought  
witnesses before the Kerns-Clifton Commissioners? A Yes sir.  
Q You know your name could not be found on the 1880 roll? A It  
was put on there.  
Q You know we couldn't find it? A I don't know whether you could  
find it or not, you was so hard against me I don't know; I couldn't  
help my number not being on there.

Witness, Phillis Bean, re-called, and further examined  
By Cherokee Representative, W.W.Hastings:

- Q Who was your husband? A Lander Bean.  
Q Did he come back with you? A Yes sir.  
Q Didn't you turn around and ask him if this girl came back with  
you? A I know she came back with me; she is my cousin; my uncle's  
daughter.  
Q Was you in that fight up there at Horse Creek? A Yes sir.  
Q Some crowd of people that come along with them? A Yes sir.  
Q Who did she live with after she came on down here? A She lived  
with her sister, Margaret Bean.  
Q That was Tobe Bean's wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Some Tobe Bean that has been in here this morning, and who was  
killed shot in that Horse Creek engagement? A Yes sir.

Applicant re-called, and further examined,  
By Cherokee Representative, W.W.Hastings:

- Q You didn't go to Fort Gibson in the year '66? did you? A I came  
right from there and went right to Fort Gibson.  
Q By your self? A No sir, I went with George Johnson down there;  
he taken me down to my father's.

Fannie Hight et al.

JON BEAN, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jon Bean.  
Q What is your age? A 44.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q What is your post office? A Spavins.  
Q Are you a citizen, a Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1860? A No sir.  
Q Do you know Fannie Hight here? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know when she came back from Kansas after the war?  
A Yes sir.  
Q When did she come? She came back in that crowd, Horse Creek crowd.  
Q You were with them? A Yes sir.  
Q She came with you? A Yes sir.  
Q You know whether her name is on the roll of 1860 or not?  
A No sir, I don't; her father was named Irving Bean. I think you will find his name on there.  
Q She didn't come back with her father? A No sir.

GEORGE VANN, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A George Vann.  
Q What is your age? A 61.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1860? A Yes sir.  
Q You know Fannie Hight? A Fannie Vann she used to be, my uncle's daughter.  
Q You know her? A Yes sir.  
Q You know whether her name is on the roll of 1860 or not? A No sir, I ain't certain.  
Q Was she taken out of the Territory, the Cherokee Nation, during the war? A I forget how whether she was; I thought she was always with Uncle Irv., I don't know.  
Q You know where she was in '66? A Yes sir, she was with Uncle Irv.  
Q That is the reason you thought she staid with him all the time, she was with her father? A Yes sir.  
Q You don't know whether she was taken out or not? A No sir.  
Q But you know she was back in '66 with her father? A Yes sir.

Examined by Cherokee Representative, W.W. Hastings:

- Q What was her mother's name? A I don't remember.  
Q You have known this girl ever since she was born, ever since she was little? A I have known her ever since she was little.  
Q You know her before the war? A No sir, I didn't.  
Q You never saw her during the war? A No sir.  
Q You never did see her until you saw her with Uncle Irving? A Yes sir, that's the first and last time I ever saw her.  
Q That was in '66? A Yes sir.  
Q You are certain it was that time? A Yes sir.  
Q You know her because she was there at that time? A Yes sir.  
Q She is some kin to you? A Yes sir.  
Q You testified awhile ago that you came back with Tobe Bean? A Yes sir, I did, but not with his family; he come along with us himself.  
Q You came back during that Horse Creek engagement didn't you? A Yes sir.  
Q You was along with that crowd? A Yes sir, I was the captain of that crowd.  
Q This girl wasn't along then? A No sir.

Commissioner Needles: Fannie Hight applies for the enrollment of herself and 2 grand-children; Eliza and Oliver



Fannie Hight, et al.

Wallace, she is not fully identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880, she avers that her maiden name was Vann, and that she is the child of Irving and Fannie Vann, and the name of Irving Vann is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, he not being deceased; the name of Fannie Vann is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 according to page and number of the roll as indicated in the testimony, but not fully identified as the identical Fannie Vann who now applies under the name of Fannie Hight, and having married one Steven Hight, she avers that she has two grand-children, Elma and Oliver Wallace, and that the mother of said children is Mary Bean, her daughter, and the name of Mary Bean is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and the name of said child, Oliver Wallace, child of Mary Bean by the husband of Mary Bean, to-wit: John Wallace, is found upon the Burns-Clifton pay roll, and she makes a satisfactory proof of birth as to Elma; the name of the father of the applicant, to-wit: Irving Vann, and the name of her child, Mary Bean, mother of the 2 grand-children for whom she applies, are found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof of residence, consequently Elma and Oliver Wallace will be duly listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; but by reason of the uncertainty as to the identification of the applicant, Fannie Hight, with her name as the name of Fannie Vann as it appears upon the roll of 1880, her name will be placed upon a doubtful card for further consideration of the Commission.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 13, 1901.

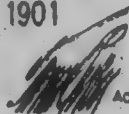
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 8, 1901  
 Post Office Lawrence, D.C.  
 District Delaware

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

~~1. Name of wife Annie Wright Age 50~~

~~Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_~~

~~Year 1880 Page 000 No. 2140 District Delaware~~

Parents:

~~Father John Tamm Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_~~

~~Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_~~

Names of Children:

1. Elmon Wallace Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. 8

2. Elmon Year 1880 Page 177 No. 2030 Dist. Delaware 10

5. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by Fannie Wright Stenographer M. A. Green

No. 1 On 1880-1881 as Elmon Tamm  
No. 2 On 1880-1881 as Elmon Tamm, Delaware Dist  
No. 3 Birth certificate required OK.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Chua Wallace

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

May 8th

1901

[Signature]  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Elma Wallace, born on the 2nd day of Nov-, 1898.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Wallace, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Wallace deceased, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Spavennu I. T.

<sup>grand</sup>  
AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern District. }

I, Fannie Hight, on oath state that I am 50  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Stephen Hight, who is a citizen, by  
of the U. S. Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 2nd day of Nov-, 1898; that said child has been  
named Elma Wallace, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses  
Stephen Hight  
Geo Bailey

Fannie Hight The Grand Mother

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern District. }

I, Caroline Landrum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Wallace, wife of John Wallace,  
on the 2nd day of Nov-, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Elma Wallace.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses  
Stephen Hight  
Geo Bailey

Caroline Landrum

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. April, 24th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Evan Johnson for the enrollment of himself, wife and child as Cherokee Freedmen, he being sworn by Commissioner F. B. Needles.

- Q What is your name? A. Evan Johnson.  
Q What is your age? A. 36.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Spavinaw.  
Q In what district do you live in? A. Saline.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My wife and child.  
Q What is your wife's name? A. Sallie.  
Q How old is she? A. 34.  
Q What is the name of your child? A. Marrell.  
Q How old is he? A. One year and nine months.  
Q What is your wife's father's name? A. No response.  
Q What is her mother's name? A. Needy Martin.  
Q Is your wife a citizen? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Walker Johnson.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A. Francis.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 340, No. 357, Evans Johnson Saline District.

- Q Do you know if your wife is on the roll of 1880? A. I don't know.  
Q Where is she? A. She is at home.  
Q You don't know her father's name? A. No sir.  
Q How long has your wife's father been dead? A. I don't know sir.  
Q How long have you been married? A. Four years.

Kerns Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife identified thereon as follows:  
Page 108 No 4148 Sallie Martin, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1880 roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife not found thereon.  
The 1880 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants not found thereon.

NEEDY MARTIN, called and sworn as a witness on behalf of the applicant, testified as follows before Commissioner Needles,--

- Q What is your name? A. Needy Martin.  
Q How old are you? A. I am about 34.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Vinita.  
Q Are you the mother of Sallie Johnson? A. Yes sir.  
Q Were you a slave? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who was your owner? A. Washington Adair.  
Q Were you taken out of the Cherokee Nation during the war between the United States and the Confederacy? A. Yes sir.  
Q Where to? A. Kansas, in Fort Scott.  
Q Was Sallie taken out? A. No sir.  
Q When did you return to the Cherokee Nation? A. In '66.  
Q What was your husband's name? A. William Martin.  
Q Were you married then? A. Yes sir.  
Q When was your daughter Sallie born? A. She is about 23 years old now.  
Q Has she always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who did you come back with to the Cherokee Nation after the close of the war? A. With my brother, Tobe Dean.

By, V. V. Hastings, Cherokee Attorney--

- Q Did you come back in a wagon? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did your husband come back with you? A. No sir.

Q You wasn't married then? A. Yes sir.  
 Q But you left him in Kansas? A. Yes sir.  
 Q Did he ever come back? A. No sir.  
 Q Then William Martin is not the father of this child now? A. Yes sir.  
 Q You must have gone back then to Kansas after you returned here? A.  
 Yes sir I went back there to see my him.  
 Q How long did you stay there with him when you went back? A. Two or  
 three weeks.  
 Q Was this girl born in Kansas? A. No sir—my father would not let me go  
 back there he said that I would lose my home if I did not stay here. My  
 husband was sick and could not stand the territory and had to stay there;  
 he was a blacksmith and has most part of hisness and could not live here.  
 Q When did he die? A. He has been dead all years.  
 Q You was there when he died wasn't you? A. Yes sir I was there then.  
 Q He was your husband until he died wasn't he? A. Yes sir.

By the commission:

Q Did you have any children besides Sallie? A. Yes sir.  
 Q Who were they? A. There was Rachel was was born here before we went a-  
 way, there was Louis next and Fred and George, all that I have living  
 now in this one and Louis and Boba and Hester.

By W. W. Hastings:

Q Where did Fred die? A. Near, and George died here.

By the commission:

Q How long after Sallie was born before your husband died? A. It wasn't  
 but about a year.  
 Q He died in Kansas? A. Yes sir.  
 Q Was Sallie born in the Nation? A. Yes sir I lived with my mother and  
 father, my father said if I staid in Kansas that I would lose my home and  
 so I staid here.

By E. V. Hastings:

Q Who was your father and mother? A. Sandy Bean was my father and Rachel  
 Bean was my mother.  
 Q Your father never was a recognized citizen was he? A. I don't know if  
 he was or not.

APPLICANT recalled and examined by Commissioner Needles:

Q You have but one child? A. Yes sir.  
 Q Have you a certificate of your marriage? A. Yes sir at home.  
 Q Have you any proof of birth made out for this child? A. Yes sir.

The Kerna-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and  
 the name of the applicant identified therein as follows:  
 Page 20. 202, Evans Johnson, Saline District.

Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
 Q Is this child living now? A. Yes sir.

By Gen'l Needles:

Evans Johnson applies for the enrollment of himself,  
 wife and child as Cherokee Freedmen. His name is found on the  
 authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerna-Clifton roll, and is  
 duly identified as the applicant; he presents satisfactory  
 proof as to the birth of his child Murrell Johnson, by his wife  
 Sallie; the name of his wife Sallie is not found on the authen-  
 ticated roll of 1880, but is found on the Kerna-Clifton roll.  
 By reason of the fact that her name cannot be found on the au-



then located at the residence of the defendant in a central  
part of the city of Chicago, Illinois, of the defendant.  
The defendant, however, should be able to find out the  
location of his wife, and it will be necessary for him  
to file with this Commission satisfactory proof of his con-  
tact with his wife.

Chas. von Falck, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commis-  
sion to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings  
in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct  
transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas. von Falck*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 1901 at Vinita,  
Okla.

*J. H. D.*

Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 8, 1901  
 Post Office Sparganaw & G.  
 District Saline

1. Name Erans Johnson Age 25  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 640 No. 557 District Saline

Parents:

Father Walker Johnson - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Mary Johnson Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

~~2. Name of wife Fannie Johnson Age 28~~

~~Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 168 No. 446 District Saline~~

~~Parents:~~

~~Father Wm. Martin - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Mary Martin Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_~~

Names of Children

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Application made by Ms. 1

Stenographer Chas. von Wase

1. On 1880 roll as Erans Johnson

~~2. On 1880 roll as Fannie Martin~~

2. Affidavit of birth to be supplied.

1. On K. C. roll, P. 80 # 2018 - Saline

Marriage certificate to be supplied.

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Application for Enrollment of

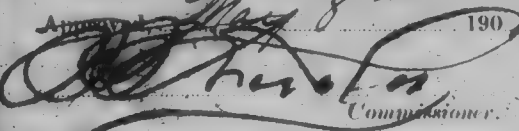
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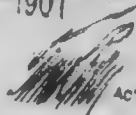
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Murrell Johnson, born on the 6th day of August, 1899  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Evans Johnson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sallie Johnson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita Ind. Ter.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Sallie Johnson, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption col. of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Evans Johnson, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 6th day of August, 1899; that said child has been  
named Murrell Johnson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses) Lucy Morgan,  
Geo. Bailey

Sallie Johnson  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
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## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Nancy Parke, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sallie Johnson, wife of Evans Johnson  
on the 6th day of August, 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Murrell Johnson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses) Retter Broom,  
Geo. Bailey

Nancy Parke  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May, 24th 1901.

In the matter of the application of George Vann for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn by Commissioner T. E. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. George Vann.  
Q What is your age? A. 37.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Cherokee.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Coowascoowee.  
Q Do you apply as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q What do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.  
Q What is your father's name? A. Walker Johnson.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Mintie Vann.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other tribe? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other Nation? A. No sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 532, No 725, George Vann, Delaware district.

The 1896 census roll examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw your Cherokee Strip money? A. Drew part of it.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 16, No 241, George Vann, Coowascoowee district.

- Q Have you a wife? A. Yes sir she is a Creek.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Creek yourself? A. No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any Creek money? A. No sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Live here now? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles- the name of the applicant, George Vann is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerns Clifton roll; his name does not appear on the the census roll of 1896. He appears on the roll of 1880 as George Vann; he makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 9th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.



Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 8/1901

Post Office

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1. Name

George Vann

Age

27

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

2795

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Walker Johnson - living

Citizenship

Mother

Minta Vann - living

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

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Father

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Application made by

M. H.

Stenographer

Chas. von Weise

1. Aust. H. roll as Georgia Vann  
 1. " K. C. " Page 10 \* 241 - Coo





Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May, 9th 1901.

is the matter of the application of Phyllis Bean for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen. She being sworn by Com. Missionary T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Phyllis Bean.  
Q What is your age? A. 40.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Two children.  
Q Are these your own children? A. Yes sir.  
Q What are their names? A. (Shows Commissioner a paper)  
Q William Bean, 7 years old and Saphenia Bean 4 years old? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A. Leander Bean.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Has he been enrolled? A. No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 226, No. 329, Phyllis Bean, Delaware district

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 627, No. 15, Phyllis Bean, Delaware district.  
Page 627, No. 17, William Bean, " "  
Page 627, No. 18, Saphenia Bean, " "

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are these children alive and living with you now? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles, Phyllis Bean applies for the enrollment of herself and two children, William and Saphenia Bean; she is fully identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896, and her children William and Saphenia Bean are also identified on the census roll of 1896. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said Phyllis Bean and her two children William and Saphenia Bean will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 9th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 8, 1901

Post Office

Vinita, Ok.

District

Delaware

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

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Mother

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Name of wife

Phillis Bean

Age

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Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Delaware

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Mr. 1

Stenographer

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1. 1880 roll as Phillis Bean  
 1. 1886 " Page 627 # 15 - Phillis Bean - Del

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I. T. May, 9th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Phyllis Bean for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen. She being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Phyllis Bean  
Q What is your age? A 46  
Q What is your post office address? A Vinita  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir  
Q Where do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A Two children  
Q Are these your own children? A Yes sir  
Q What are their names? A (Hands Commissioner a paper)  
Q William Bean, 7 years old and Sopheria Bean 4 years old? A Yes sir  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir  
Q What is your husband's name? A Lemuel Bean  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir  
Q Has he been enrolled? A No sir

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 228, No. 329 Phyllis Bean, Delaware district

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 427, No. 15, Phyllis Bean, Delaware district.  
Page 427, No. 17, William Bean, " "  
Page 427, No. 18, Sopheria Bean " "

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir  
Q Living here now? A Yes sir  
Q Are these children alive and living with you now? A Yes sir

By Com'r Needles, - Phyllis Bean applies for the enrollment of herself and two children, William and Sopheria Bean; she is fully identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896, and her children William and Sopheria Bean are also identified on the census roll of 1896; They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said Phyllis Bean and her two children William and Sopheria Bean will be ranked listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Chas. von. Weise

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 9th day of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

T. B. Needles

Commissioner.

3-25-1910.

Land

Population

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J. M. D.

Waskago, Oklahoma, January 27, 1910.

Subject:

Age of Hephemia Dean,  
a Cherokee freedman.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Indian Office letter of January 14, transmitting a memorandum received from Hon. C. M. Grainger in support of a bill to correct the age of Hephemia Dean, whose name appears opposite No. 1850 on the approved roll of Cherokee freedmen.

On the roll Hephemia Dean is designated as being five years of age, which designation is said to be in error, it being alleged that at the time of her application for enrollment she was 14 years of age. Having sold her allotment this legislation is desired in order to protect the purchaser of the land, and I am requested to advise the Office what designation was made on the census card in the files of the office as to the age of Hephemia Dean and to investigate the land transaction mentioned in the memorandum; also, that with my report there be forwarded a copy of the enrollment record, including a copy of the census card in this case.



Com. of Indian Aff. - 2.

With reference to this matter I have the honor to advise that District Agent H. G. Cusack, in response to a request from this office to investigate this matter, visited the land in question and submitted a memorandum of appraisal thereof, showing his estimate of the value of same to be \$2000.00.

Mr. McMillan, an employee of this office, visited Sependia Bean at her home for the purpose of securing information relative to the transaction into which she is alleged to have entered.

There are enclosed herewith, together with his report in the matter, take-offs of the records of the Register of Deeds of Mayes County, showing that on November 5, 1906, this land was mortgaged by Sependia Bean for \$100.00, and that on July 15, 1909, she, together with her husband, executed a warranty deed to J. H. Smith for a consideration of \$1600.00.

Mr. McMillan states that Sependia Bean is densely ignorant and has little idea as to the nature of this transaction, except that she has understood that the land has been sold and that the remainder of the purchase price is to be paid when the matter of her age is adjusted. She was unable to tell him how much she had received, but stated that the amount of cash received lacked \$10.00 of being sufficient to pay for a team of horses. The vendee, it appears, also assumed the mortgage of \$100.00 that was against this land.

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At the First National Bank at Vinita, where J. H. Smith maintains an account, it was ascertained that on the date this deed was executed he drew two checks, one for \$414.00 and one for \$292.00, one of which it is assumed must have been drawn for the purpose of paying for this land.

Sephenia Bean does not know whether she is in any way secured for the balance due her, and the records of the Register of Deeds Office fail to show any mortgage or other instrument of that nature which has been executed for that purpose.

With reference to the age of Sephenia Bean, it appears from the records, copies of which are enclosed herewith, that there is no question but a mistake was made at the time of her application for enrollment, at which time according to the record her age was given as 4 years and that of her brother, William Bean, as 7 years.

The 1896 Census Roll shows the ages of William and Sephenia Bean to be 12 and 9 years, which would make their ages in 1901, the time of the application for their enrollment, 17 and 14 years.

The memorandum submitted by Mr. Greager, together with a copy of the report of Mr. McMillan, is transmitted with the other papers requested.

Respectfully,

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Acting Commissioner.



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 21st 1901

In the matter of the application of Kate Martin for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen—she being sworn by Commissioner J. E. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Kate Martin.  
Q What age are you? A. 30.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Cherokee.  
Q In what district do you live in? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My children.  
Q How many children? A. One.  
Q What is the name of this child? A. Lee Martin.  
Q How old is he? A. Five years.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation?  
A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other tribe? A. No sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your husbands name? A. Louis Martin.  
Q What is your fathers name? A. Rufus Vann.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q What is your mothers name? A. Lucy.  
Q Is she living? A. No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 552, No. 2800, Kate Vann, Delaware district.

- Q Did you draw your strip money for yourself? A. Yes sir.  
Q For this child also? A. No sir not for him.

The 1890 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants not identified thereon.

- Q Have you a certificate made out for the birth of this child? A. No sir.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 26 No. 715, Katie Martin, Delaware district.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is this child living? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles:—Kate Martin applies for the enrollment of herself and one child, Lee Martin; she swears that she is married to one Louis Martin; she swears that she is the child on Rufus and Lucy Vann, and her name is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Kate Vann, her maiden name, and she is duly identified as the applicant and her name is on the Kerns Clifton roll as Katie Martin; she swears that she had one child, Lee Martin, whose name is not found on any roll having been born since same were compiled; they are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said Kate Martin and her child, Lee Martin will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of the child, Lee Martin it will be necessary for her to file proof of birth.

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Chas. von Weiss, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 21st of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.



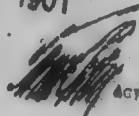


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 8, 1901  
 Post Office Chapin 29  
 District Delaware

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Kate \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Katie Martin Age 30  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 332 No. 2800 District Del

Parents:  
 Father Rufus Vann - dead \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Lincy " " \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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| 1. <u>Lee Martin</u> |      |      |     |       |
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Application made by Ms. 1 Stenographer Charles von Weise

1. Cur. F. W. roll as Kate Vann  
 1. K. L. P. 29 \* 715 - Katie Martin - Del  
 2. aff. of birth required.

*Cherokee 94 756*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Lee Martin*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved.

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*W. H. Hester*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Lee Martin (Here insert name of child), born on the 2 day of March, 1890.  
 Name of Father: Lewis Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Katy Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Vinita, I.T.

### AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,

Norman District.

I, Katy Martin, on oath state that I am 33 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Lewis Martin, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was (male or female) born to me on the 2 day of March, 1890, that said child has been named Lee Martin, and is now living, and the attending midwife is dead.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Oct, 1900.

Louis J. Brown

NOTARY PUBLIC.

### AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of Dec, 1890; that there was born to her on said date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named \_\_\_\_\_ (male or female).

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1900.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



COMMISSIONERS:  
HENRY L. DAWES,  
TAMM SIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRACKENRIDGE,

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Vinita, Indian Territory, May 22nd, 1901.

Lewis Martin, Esq.,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Sir:—

The Commission is in receipt of a birth certificate in the matter of the application for enrollment as a Freedman of the Cherokee Nation of your child, Lee Martin. In the caption of the affidavit it appears that this child was born March 2nd, 1895, while in the affidavits of the mother and midwife it is shown to have been born March 3rd, 1896. Please advise the Commission

as to the correct age of your son. Also advise us whether your wife desires to be listed for enrollment as Kate Martin or Katy Martin.

Very respectfully,

  
Commissioner.

In answering refer to

Cherokee P. # 756.

Sirs:

I desire to be enrolled as  
Katy Martin  
Katy Martin



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winitka, W. T., May, 9th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Louisa White for the enrollment of herself and five children as Cherokee Freedmen. She being sworn by Commissioner T. M. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Louisa White.  
Q How old are you? A. 35.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Winitka.  
Q In what district do you live in? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q What do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Five children.  
Q What are the names of these children? A. Frank White.  
Q How old? A. 15.  
Q Next? A. Stella.  
Q How old? A. 11.  
Q Next? A. Ray.  
Q How old? A. 9.  
Q Next? A. Willie.  
Q How old? A. 7.  
Q Next? A. Della.  
Q How old? A. 6.  
Q Are you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your husbands name? A. Thomas White.  
Q Is he a citizen? A. No sir.  
Q What is your fathers name? A. Jerry Alberty.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mothers name? A. Ruth.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Were you ever married to any one before you married Mr. White? A. No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 61, No. 68, Louisa Alberty, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1890 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 486, No. 721, Louisa White, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 486, No. 722, Frank White, " "  
Page 486, No. 723, Stella White, " "  
Page 486, No. 724, Ray White, (No. 724) " "  
Page 486, Willie White (No. 725) " "

- Q Are these children all alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living here now are you? A. Yes sir.

BY, W. F. Hastings, Cherokee Attorney:

- Q Are these children all born in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles,--

Louisa White applies for the enrollment of herself and five children, Frank, Stella, Ray, Willie and Della White; she avers that she is married to one Thomas White.

- Q Is your husband a citizen? A. No sir.

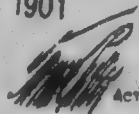
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 8, 1901

Vinita St.  
Delaware

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

17. Name of wife Louisa White Age 35

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 61 No. 85 District 600

Parents:

Father Jerry Alberty - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother Rutha " - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2. Frank White Year 1896 Page 426 No. 723 Dist. 600 133. Stella " Year " Page 426 No. 723 Dist. " 114. Ray " Year " Page 426 No. 724 Dist. " 95. Willie " Year " Page 426 No. 725 Dist. " 76. Bella " Year " Page " No. " Dist. " 5

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Application made by

Stenographer

Ms. 1 Chas. von WeiseOn FR roll as Louisa Alberty1896 Page 426 - \*7218 - 600

6 Aff. of birth required.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*L. Della White*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

*May 14*

1901

*D. B. S.*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE.

IN BE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Della White, born on the 18 day of Octo., 1894  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Thomas White, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Louisa White, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita, Id.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.

I, Louisa White, on oath state that I am 35  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that was the lawful wife of Thomas White who is a citizen, by  
U. S. Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 18 day of October, 1894 that said child has been  
named Della White, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Louisa White

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

9 day of May

1901

Louis T Brown

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires March 17, 1902

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.

I, Ruth Alberty, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Louisa White was wife of Thomas White,  
on the 18 day of October, 1894; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Della White.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Louisa White  
D. Vick

Ruth Alberty  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

9 day of May

1901

Louis T Brown

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires March 17, 1902

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1903.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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transcript of his stenographic notes and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcription to the Live Civilized Tribes he reported the above to the U. S. Court on October 23, 1904 that an stenographer to the

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Have you any children present now?

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Q. Have you been residing in the Cherokee Nation xxx  
 A. Yes, I have been residing in the Cherokee Nation xxx

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Have you been living with James Curtis ever since?

you don't know where I am, because I have heard from him since then.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, March 6th, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Louisa White  
for the enrollment of herself and children,  
Frank, Stella, Ray, Willie and Della White, as  
Cherokee Freedmen.

Cherokee F-757.

The applicant, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. What is your name? A. Lula White it used to be. That is what I registered by.
- Q. Louisa? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. What is your name now? A. Lula Curtis.
- Q. You applied for your own enrollment. A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And your children? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Have you married since your enrollment? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. What is your husband's name? A. James Curtis.
- Q. When were you married to James Curtis? A. I don't know what year it was. (By Mr. Curtis: Three years ago this coming May.)
- Q. Have you for a marriage certificate? A. No, sir. We sent it away and never got it back.
- Q. You were married before you were enrolled? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. How long before you were enrolled? A. Oh, I guess when I enrolled I had been married a year, I guess, when I enrolled.
- Q. How did you come to give your maiden name? A. That is the way they said, that that was the right way for me to enroll. I didn't have any children, they said that would be the best way for me to enroll.
- Q. Whose are these children you enrolled? A. They were James White's, my first husband's.
- Q. Was your husband dead when you enrolled? A. I don't know, sir; where he was. I wouldn't say. I don't know where he was.
- Q. Were you divorced? A. I heard he was dead. At the time of the Cuban war he run away and I heard he was killed.
- Q. He run away at the time of the Cuban war? A. Yes, sir. He went away the same summer.
- Q. You never heard from him? A. No, sir; I never heard from him since.
- Q. Did you sue for a divorce? A. No, sir.
- Q. No papers were ever served on you? A. No, sir.
- Q. Then you were married in 1900? A. Yes, sir. I went to the Commissioner and he said there wasn't no use for me suing if he was dead. I heard he was dead.
- Q. Who told you he was dead? A. I heard from from parties in Kansas--in Kansas City. I stayed there, I guess, about two months. We boarded there when he went away.
- Q. Were they relatives of his? A. No, sir.
- Q. They just heard it? A. Yes, sir; they just heard it.
- Q. Was it after that that you married Curtis? A. No, sir; that was before I married Curtis.
- Q. Well, it was after that time that you married Curtis?
- A. Yes, sir.



Q. You don't know where your husband is now? A. No, sir.  
 I never heard from him since then.  
 Q. Have you been living with James Cuthrie ever since May, 1900? A. Yes, sir.  
 Q. As husband and wife? A. Yes, sir.  
 Q. Did you get a license to marry Cuthrie? A. Yes, sir.  
 Q. Who married you? A. A man by the name of Reuben Sanders.  
 Q. Was he a preacher? A. Yes, sir.  
 Q. What was your first husband's full name? A. Thomas.  
 Q. Have you been residing in the Cherokee Nation with Cuthrie all your life? A. Yes, sir.  
 Q. All your children are living, are they? A. Yes, sir.  
 Q. Have you any children by your present husband?  
 A. No, sir.

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Jesse O. Carr on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Jesse O. Carr*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1903.

*Samuel Foreman*  
 Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Tahlequah, I. T. September 5, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Laura White for enrollment of herself and children, Frank, Stella, Ray, Willie and Della as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY:

Louisa Curtis, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Louisa Curtis.  
Q How old are you? A 37.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Wagoner.  
Q Your postoffice was Vinita at the time you were enrolled was it not?  
A Yes.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Spencer Curtis.  
Q Are you and he living together? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? A I dont know. Dont remember, it has been about 4 or 5 years ago. Dont remember the year.  
Q Were you married when you made application for enrollment? A Yes.  
Q What was the name of your husband at that time? A Why I was married to Curtis then I married Thomas White.  
Q What is the reason you gave your name as Louisa Curtis? A. Because Curtis had no children and they thought it best to enroll that way.  
Q Is Thomas White dead? A I suppose so. I havent heard from him for 9 years.  
Q You have had a divorce from him? A No sir.  
Q Where were you when you and Spencer Curtis married? A At Big Creek.  
Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you have a license? A Yes sir.  
Q What kind? A A license from the Clerk, or whoever you get them from.  
Q Was it from the United States Clerk? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you and Thomas White lawfully married? A Yes sir.  
Q Then you were married about the year 1899 to Spencer Curtis?  
A Yes sir about that time I think.

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, that he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of his stenographic notes taken therein.

*Clinton W. Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
5 day of September, 1904.

*J. L. DeShazo*  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Muskegee, Indian Territory, June 24, 1907.

Cherokee N. Oars 2467  
" " Bell 21554.

In the matter of the application for the selection of an allotment in the Cherokee Nation for Frank White.

Louisa Curtis, enrolled as Louisa White, being duly sworn by W. W. Chappell, testified as follows:

On behalf of Commissioner:

- Q What is your name? A Louisa Curtis.  
Q How old are you? A 40.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Wagoner.  
Q Are you a freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you any children? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your eldest child? A Frank White.  
Q What is the name of the next child? A Stella.  
Q And the next? A Ray.  
Q And the next? A Willie.  
Q And the which one? A Della.  
Q These are the only children you have? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is Frank? A 22.  
Q How old is Stella? A 18.  
Q When was Frank 22? A He was 22 the 9th day of this last March.  
Q When was Stella 18? A I think the 6th of March.  
Q And how old is Ray? A I will have to guess at their ages. He is about 14 I guess.  
Q What is your purpose in appearing before the Commissioner today?  
A To file for Frank White; that is to see that he filed and testify to his age.  
Q Our records show your son, Frank White, to be 19 years of age. You testify that he is 22 past. Our records are incorrect, are they?  
A Yes sir, all of these children's ages are incorrect.  
Q You were mistaken when you gave his name and age in?  
A Yes sir; I was at Vinita before and I didn't have their ages with me and I got them all too young.  
Q Since that time you have examined the records to the date of Frank's birth and have learned his age from that? A Yes sir.  
Q Were these records made at the time of his birth? A Yes sir.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly reported the testimony given above and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 24th day of June, 1907.

*May Hudson*

*W. W. Chappell*

Cherokee T. #757.

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 21st, 1901.

To Louisa White,  
Vinita, Indian Territory.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of birth certificate in the matter of the application for enrollment of Della White, daughter  
of Thomas White and Louisa White  
as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and the same has been duly filed.

Very respectfully,

Samuel B. Bixby  
Acting Chairman.

COMMISSIONERS:  
HENRY L. DAVIS,  
TAMM BIRNEY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRACKENRIDGE.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Cherokee F-757

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 9, 1902.

Louisa White,

Wagoner, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

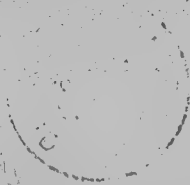
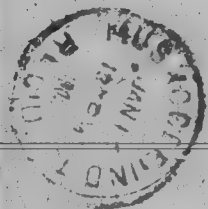
In reply to your inquiry of December 5, you are advised that you and your children, as named in your letter, are regularly listed for enrollment by this Commission as Cherokee Freedmen.

Respectfully,

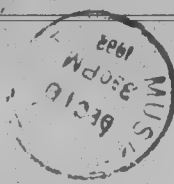


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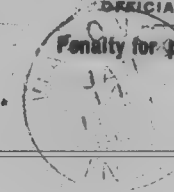
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Louisa White,

Wagoner, Indian Territory.

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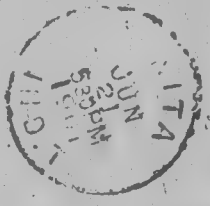
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Indian Territory

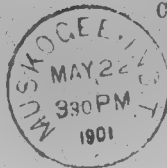
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*L. W. White*

*Private*







Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 8th 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Markham for the enrollment of his two nephews, JACOB and ALBERT WHITWIRE. He being sworn by Commissioner T. S. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. William Markham.  
Q How old are you? A. 50.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Vinita.  
Q Who do you apply for at this time? A. I want to enroll for two of my sister's children.  
Q What are the names of these children? A. Jacob and Albert Whitwire.  
Q How old is Jacob? A. 30.  
Q How old is the next one, Albert? A. 18.  
Q What is the name of the father of these children? A. Martin Whitwire.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q What is the name of the mother of these children? A. Lucinda.  
Q Is she living? A. No sir.  
Q Are they recognized citizens of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are their names on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A. Not as I know of.  
Q What relation are you to these children? A. They are my sister's children.  
Q Did you draw stip money for these children? A. Yes sir.

The Karna-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 105, No. 3515, Jacob Whitwire, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 106, No. 3516, Albert Whitwire, " "

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the parents of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 212, No. 3517, Martin Whitwire, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 213, No. 3518, Lucinda Whitwire " "

By Com'r Needles, -

William Markham applies for the enrollment of Jacob and Albert Whitwire, he appears as their guardian legal guardian

- Q You are their guardian are you not? A. Yes sir.

( Judgment continued )

He swears that they are the children of Martin and Lucinda Whitwire and their names appear on the authenticated roll of 1880 as indicated in the testimony by page and number; and the names of Albert and Jacob Whitwire appear on the Karna Clifton pay roll; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn ~~affirms~~ states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the testimony in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

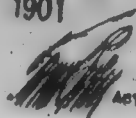
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 9th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*  
  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 8 1901  
 Post Office J. Hagan S. G.  
 District \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name M Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father Martin Whitmore - dead Citizenship Chas. F.  
 Mother Lucinda " - dead Citizenship Chas. F.

Names of Children:

|                          |                  |                 |                 |                  |           |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1. <u>Jacob Whitmore</u> | Year <u>1865</u> | Page <u>105</u> | No. <u>2615</u> | Dist. <u>600</u> | <u>20</u> |
| 2. <u>Albert " "</u>     | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>105</u> | No. <u>2616</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>18</u> |
| 5. _____                 | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____       | Dist. _____      |           |
| 6. _____                 | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____       | Dist. _____      |           |
| 7. _____                 | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____       | Dist. _____      |           |
| 8. _____                 | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____       | Dist. _____      |           |
| 9. _____                 | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____       | Dist. _____      |           |
| 10. _____                | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____       | Dist. _____      |           |
| 11. _____                | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____       | Dist. _____      |           |
| 12. _____                | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____       | Dist. _____      |           |

Application made by Wm. Markham Stenographer Chas. von Wille





Continued to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Department of the Interior  
Wichita, Kansas, May 19, 1906

In the matter of the application of Mary Buffington for the enrollment of herself, her husband and seven children as Cherokee Freedmen, the following sworn testimony of J. C. Peckham, recorded as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Mary Buffington.  
Q How old are you? A. 34.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Clinton.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to have enrollment made for yourself, A. Yes sir.  
Q How much of a family have you? A. A husband and seven children.  
Q You apply for your husband do you? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is his name? A. John Buffington.  
Q How old is he? A. 33.  
Q Have you or your husband ever applied to be enrolled as Freedmen of any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1866? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your husband on that roll? A. Yes sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A. Frank.  
Q How old? A. 14.  
Q Next child? A. Walter.  
Q How old? A. 13.  
Q Next child? A. Clarence.  
Q How old? A. 12.  
Q Next? A. Jesse.  
Q How old? A. 10.  
Q Next? A. Stella.  
Q How old? A. 8.  
Q Next? A. Bert.  
Q How old? A. 6.  
Q Next? A. Marion.  
Q How old? A. 14 months.  
Q What is your father's name? A. John Chase.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Mariah.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is John Buffington your first husband? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you his first wife? A. Yes sir.

The 1866 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant and her husband identified as follows:  
Page 214, No. 354, Mary Chase, Illinois district.  
Page 231, No. 424, John Buffington, Delaware district.

The 1866 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants and identified thereon as follows:  
Page 227, No. 4, John Buffington, Delaware district.  
Page 227, No. 5, Mary Buffington, Delaware district.  
Page 227, No. 6, Frank Buffington, Delaware district.  
Page 227, No. 7, Walter Buffington, Delaware district.  
Page 227, No. 8, Clarence Buffington, Delaware district.  
Page 227, No. 9, Jesse Buffington, Delaware district.  
Page 227, No. 10, Stella Buffington, Delaware district.  
Page 227, No. 11, Bert Buffington, Delaware district.

- Q Are these children all alive and living with you at this time? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you and your husband always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living here now are you? A. Yes sir.

By Court's direction, Mary Buffington applies for the enrollment of herself and her husband and seven children, Frank, Walter, Marion, Clarence, Jesse, Stella, Bert and Marion Buffington, as Cherokee Freedmen. The name of the applicant is duly identified on the roll of 1866.

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as Mary White, that having been her maiden name, and stating that she is the child of John and Mary O'Connell. She is identified on the census roll of 1890 as Mary O'Connell, her present name; the name of her husband being O'Connell. She is found on the enumerated roll of 1890 as Mary O'Connell, wife of John O'Connell. The names of her children as shown on the census roll are all identified as the children of Mary O'Connell, except the youngest child, Alfred, who is too young to be on said roll. She said that her husband, John O'Connell, is a childless man, and named will be named by her as the father of the youngest child. In order to complete the enrollment of the youngest child, Alfred, who is not on the census roll of 1890, it will be necessary for her to file with the Commissioner the necessary papers as the father.

John van Velsa, being sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Chas. van Velsa*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 19th of May, 1901 at Vinata,

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 8, 1905  
Vinita St.  
Delaware

1. Name John Buffington Age 32  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 231 No. 404 District Delaware

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Mary Buffington Age 34  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 514 No. 364 District Del

Parents:

Father Joe Chase - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother Maria " - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|     |                         |                  |                 |               |                  |           |
|-----|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|
| 3.  | <u>Frank Buffington</u> | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>626</u> | No. <u>6</u>  | Dist. <u>Del</u> | <u>14</u> |
| 4.  | <u>Walter " "</u>       | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>627</u> | No. <u>7</u>  | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>13</u> |
| 5.  | <u>Clarence " "</u>     | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>627</u> | No. <u>8</u>  | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>12</u> |
| 6.  | <u>Jesse " "</u>        | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>627</u> | No. <u>9</u>  | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>11</u> |
| 7.  | <u>Stella " "</u>       | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>627</u> | No. <u>10</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>8</u>  |
| 8.  | <u>Bert " "</u>         | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>627</u> | No. <u>11</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>6</u>  |
| 9.  | <u>Aldrick " "</u>      | Year <u>—</u>    | Page <u>—</u>   | No. <u>—</u>  | Dist. <u>—</u>   | <u>17</u> |
| 10. |                         | Year <u>—</u>    | Page <u>—</u>   | No. <u>—</u>  | Dist. <u>—</u>   |           |
| 11. |                         | Year <u>—</u>    | Page <u>—</u>   | No. <u>—</u>  | Dist. <u>—</u>   |           |
| 12. |                         | Year <u>—</u>    | Page <u>—</u>   | No. <u>—</u>  | Dist. <u>—</u>   |           |

Application made by

no. 2

Stenographer

Chas. von Weise

1 On 1896 roll, Page 627 \* 4 — Del  
 2 On 1880 " as Mary Chase  
 2 " 1896 " Page 627 \* 5 — Del

9 aff. of birth to be supplied



6. CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Aldrick Buffington*  
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved, MAY 8 1901

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Aldrick Buffington born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Buffington, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Buffington, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vienna, Ia.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Mary Buffington, on oath state that I am 34  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Buffington, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1899; that said child has been  
named Aldrick Buffington, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of May, 1900.

My commission expires March 17, 1904.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, William H. Brown, a physician, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Buffington, wife of John Buffington,  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1899, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Aldrick Buffington.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of May, 1900.

My commission expires March 17, 1904.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Cherokee Freedmen  
722  
Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 7, 1904.

John Buffington,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The commission is in receipt of your letter of July 1, enclosing an affidavit showing the birth of Love Buffington, on December 6, 1901, infant child of John and Mary Buffington, Cherokee freedmen.

In reply you are advised that the commission's records fail to disclose that application has ever been made for the enrollment of the child, Love Buffington, as a Cherokee freedman.

You are further advised that it appears that application has been made for the enrollment of yourself, your wife, Mary, and the following children: Frank, Walter, Clarence, Jesse, Stella, Bert and Aldrick Buffington, and that the names of yourself, wife, and children appear upon Cherokee Freedmen straight card No. 759 and upon the final roll of Cherokee freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, opposite Nos. 1859 to 1867, both inclusive.

The affidavit transmitted with your letter is herewith returned, and you are advised that the Commission is now without authority to receive applications for enrollment in the Cherokee Nation.

Respectfully,

Encl. 7-1

Commissioner in Charge.







Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Tulsa, P. O., May 2, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Eliza Ledman for the enrollment of herself and eight children as Cherokee Freedmen, she being sworn and examined by Commissioner P. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Eliza Ledman.  
Q How old are you? A I am 35.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tulsa.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A I got a whole raft them.  
Q What do you call a whole raft of them? A Eight children besides myself.  
Q Give me the names of your children, commencing with the oldest?  
A James.  
Q How old is James? A 19.  
Q The next child? A Roy.  
Q How old is Roy? A 15.  
Q The next one? A Josephine.  
A girl? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is she? A 13.  
Q The next? A John.  
Q How old is he? A 11.  
Q The next one? A Hannah.  
Q How old is she? A She is 9.  
Q The next one? A Viola.  
Q How old is Viola? A 7.  
Q Well? A Charlie.  
Q How old is Charlie? A 4.  
Q Well? A Mary.  
Q How old is Mary? A 3.  
Q Is that all? A Right there.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Buck Ledman.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw money from any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Gus Buffington.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Mary.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q Your father and mother both living? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 331, No. 402, Eliza Buffington, Delaware District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

Page 332, No. 61, Eliza Ledman, Delaware District.  
Page 332, No. 63, James Ledman, Delaware District.  
Page 332, No. 62, Roy Ledman, Delaware District.  
Page 332, No. 65, Josiah Ledman, Delaware District.  
Page 332, No. 66, John Ledman, Delaware District.  
Page 332, No. 67, Hannah Ledman, Delaware District.  
Page 332, No. 68, Viola Ledman, Delaware District.

- Q These children all living at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation, yourself? A Yes sir.  
Q Since 1880, you never lived out of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.

Commissioner Needles

Eliza Leckman applies for the enrollment of herself and eight children. She avers that she is the daughter of Sam and Mary Buffington, and was listed as found upon the authorized roll of 1880 as Eliza Buffington, that having been her maiden name, and upon the census roll of 1900 as Eliza Leckman. The names of her children, James, Roy, Josephine, John, Hannah and Viola, are found upon the census roll of 1900. The names of the two younger children, Charlie and Mary, are not found upon said roll, having been born after the roll was compiled. They are fully and duly identified according to page and number of the roll as indicated in the testimony, and have satisfactory proof as to residence. Consequently Eliza Leckman and her children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Indians. In order to complete the enrollment of her two children, Charlie and Mary, it will be necessary for her to file with the Commission satisfactory proof of their births.

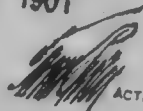
The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of May, 1901.

*E. J. Thompson*  
*A. J. Needles*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

Post Office

District

May 1901  
Vinita, D. T.  
Delaware

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Eliza Beckman Age 36

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 721 No. 1407 District Del

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|    |                      |                  |                 |               |                       |           |
|----|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1  | <u>James Beckman</u> | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>637</u> | No. <u>63</u> | Dist. <u>Delaware</u> | <u>19</u> |
| 2  | <u>Ray</u>           | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>637</u> | No. <u>67</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>        | <u>15</u> |
| 3  | <u>Josephine</u>     | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>637</u> | No. <u>65</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>        | <u>13</u> |
| 4  | <u>John</u>          | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>637</u> | No. <u>66</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>        | <u>11</u> |
| 5  | <u>Hannah</u>        | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>637</u> | No. <u>67</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>        | <u>9</u>  |
| 6  | <u>Viola</u>         | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>637</u> | No. <u>68</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>        | <u>7</u>  |
| 7  | <u>Harley</u>        | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____     | Dist. _____           | <u>4</u>  |
| 8  | <u>Wm</u>            | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____     | Dist. _____           | <u>2</u>  |
| 9  |                      | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____     | Dist. _____           |           |
| 10 |                      | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____     | Dist. _____           |           |
| 11 |                      | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____     | Dist. _____           |           |
| 12 |                      | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____     | Dist. _____           |           |

Application made by

Stenographer

C. H. R. Thunberger

No 1 on 1880 roll as Eliza Beckman  
 No 1 on 1896 roll Page 637 No 61 Eliza Beckman Delaware Dist  
 No 2 James "  
 No 3 Ray "  
 No 4 Joseph "  
 No 5 John "  
 No 6 Hannah "  
 No 7 Viola "

No 8 a. Birth certificates required.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Mary Ledman

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE Nation.

Approved, May 13

1901

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Mary Ledman, born on the 2 day of April, 1898  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Buck Ledman, a citizen of the U.S. Nation  
Name of Mother: Eliza Ledman, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vienna, Ia.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Eliza Ledman, on oath state that I am 36  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Buck Ledman, who is a citizen, by  
of the U.S. Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 2nd day of April, 1898; that said child has been  
named Mary Ledman, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Eliza Fulsum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Eliza Ledman, wife of Buck Ledman,  
on the 2 day of April, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Mary Ledman.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses)

Johnson Vann  
Geo Bailey

Eliza <sup>her</sup> Fulsum  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

my com April 15-1903.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Charley Ledman

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

May 13,

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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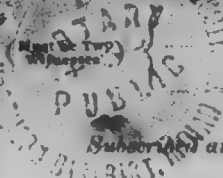
IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Charley Ledman, born on the 11 day of November, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Buck Ledman, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Eliza Ledman, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vienna Id.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Eliza Ledman, on oath state that I am 36  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Buck Ledman, who is a citizen, by  
of the U. S. Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 11 day of November, 1896; that said child has been  
named Charley Ledman, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Eliza Ledman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Millie Fry, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Eliza Ledman, wife of Buck Ledman,  
on the 11 day of November, 1896; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Charley Ledman.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Millie Fry

(Must be two witnesses)

Riley Curles  
Geo Bailey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 14th, 1901.

To Mrs. Eliza Ledman,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of birth certificate in the matter of the application for enrollment of Charley Ledman, son of Buck Ledman and Eliza Ledman as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and the same has been duly filed.

Very respectfully,

James B. Bixby

Acting Chairman.

Cherokee P. #760.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Muskogee, Ind.T., Jan'y. 22nd, 1906.

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In the matter of the application of Josephine Mosley, en-  
rolled as Josephine Ledman, to complete her allotment selection in  
the Cherokee Nation.

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JOSEPHINE MOSLEY being duly sworn by Chas. E. Webster,  
and examined, testified as follows:

On behalf of the Commissioner:

|   |  |   |                        |
|---|--|---|------------------------|
| Q | What is your name?   | A | Josephine Mosley.      |
| Q | How old are you?   | A | Eighteen.              |
| Q | What is your postoffice?                                       | A | Vinita.                |
| Q | Are you a Cherokee Freedman?                                   | A | Yes sir.               |
| Q | What is your mother's name?                                    | A | Eliza Ledman.          |
| Q | Are you married?   | A | Yes sir. <i>Mosley</i> |
| Q | Whom did you marry?  | A | Joseph Ledman.         |
| Q | When did you marry him?  | A | August 6, 1905.        |
| Q | You appear here today to complete your<br>allotment selection? | A | Yes sir.               |
| Q | Have you a marriage certificate?                               | A | Yes, but not with me.  |
| Q | Can you send me a copy of it?                                  | A | Yes sir.               |
| Q | When can you send it?  | A | As soon as I get home  |

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I, H. S. Shelor, being duly sworn, state that as stenog-  
rapher to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, I recorded  
the foregoing proceedings and testimony, and that the above is a  
true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes.

*H. S. Shelor*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 22nd day of January, 1906

*Chas E Webster*  
Notary Public.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 14th, 1901.

To Mrs. Eliza Ledman,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of birth certificate in the matter of the application for enrollment of Mary Ledman, daughter of Buck Ledman and Eliza Ledman as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and the same has been duly filed.

Very respectfully,

Samuel Bigley

Acting Chairman.

Cherokee F. #760.



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COMMISSION TO THE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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*Mr. Olga Sherman*

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.

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Department of the Interior.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

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*Ms. Eliza Ledman*  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Yukon, A. T., May 18, 1901.

In the presence of the application of Jincy Landrum for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, she being sworn and examined by Commissioner J. P. Rothenberger, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jincy Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A I can't tell you, Mieror.  
Q About how old? A About fifty, I guess. I think when they took my census I was 40. (Applicant found to be 50 years old.)  
Q That is your postoffice? A Spavinaw.  
Q Do you live in Salustia District? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q How do you want to enroll? A I want to enroll myself.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation?  
A No sir, I have never been out of this nation since the war. I belonged to John Landrum.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A I guess it is.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 645, No. 661, Jincy Landrum, Saline District.

The 1886 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Always lived here-raised in the nation.  
Q Never been out? A No sir, been nowhere.  
Q You were a slave? A Yes sir, I went out and come right back.

Jincy Landrum applies for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman. Her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; she is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 1901.

*J. P. Rothenberger*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MAY 8 1901

 ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

Age

Citizenship

1. Name

Owner's name

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Owner's name

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|     |      |      |     |       |
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| 3.  | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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| 11. | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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Application made by

Stenographer

On 1880 roll as

On roll Page No.

Gincy Landrum

W. R. Robinson



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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Filed May 2, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Kittie Foreman for the enrollment of herself and her child as Cherokee Freedmen, she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. D. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Kittie Foreman.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q What is your present residence address? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Had do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My little girl.  
Q What is the name of your child? A Mildred Foreman.  
Q How old is Mildred? A 11 months old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Dave Foreman.  
Q What is your father's name? A Luster Foreman.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Clara Foreman.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's parents identified thereon as follows:

Page 533, No. 733, Luster Foreman, Illinois District.  
Page 533, No. 734, Clara Foreman, Illinois District.

The 1890 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw strip money? A Yes sir.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 88, No. 545, Kittie Foreman, Delaware District.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q This child born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Is it alive now? A Yes sir.  
Q You got no proof of its birth made out, have you? A Yes sir.

Kittie Foreman applies for the enrollment of herself and one child. She avers that she is married to one Dave Foreman; that she is the child of Luster and Clara Foreman. The names of Luster and Clara Foreman are duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and the name of Kittie Foreman is found upon the Kerns Clifton Roll as Kittie Foreman. She makes satisfactory proof of the birth of one child, Mildred, eleven months of age. Both are duly identified, and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently, Kittie Foreman and her child, Mildred, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May, 1901.

*T. D. Needles*  
Commissioner.

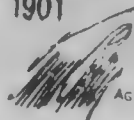
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MAY 8 1901



ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 8, 1901  
Post Office Wata, D.C.  
District Delaware

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Katie Mitchell \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age 21

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year K.C. Page 207 No. 545 District Delaware

Parents:

Father Justin Gorman \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship Enrolled

Mother Dora \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|                            | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
|----------------------------|------|------|-----|-------|
| 3. <u>Mildred Mitchell</u> |      |      |     |       |
| 4. _____                   | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
| 5. _____                   | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
| 6. _____                   | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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| 12. _____                  | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |

Application made by

On K.C. Roll as Kitty Gorman.  
On roll Page 408

Stenographer Rochester

No birth certificate required.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Mildred Mitchell  
an n citizen of  
Cherokee Nation.

Approved, MAY 8 1901 190...

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MAY 8 1901

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Mildred Mitchell born on the 17 day of June, 1900  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: David Mitchell, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Kittie Mitchell, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Viota I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern INDIAN TERRITORY,District Mitchell

I, Kittie Mitchell on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of David Mitchell, who is a citizen, by  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the U. S. Nation, (that said female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 17 day of June, 1900 that said child has been  
named Mildred Mitchell, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesSubscribed and sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

My commission expires March 17, 1904.

Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern INDIAN TERRITORY,District Mitchell

I, Clara Foreman, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Kittie Mitchell of David Mitchell  
on the 17 day of June, 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Mildred Mitchell,  
(male or female.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesSubscribed and sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

My commission expires March 17, 1904.

Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC.





ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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ENCLOSURE.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Winkler, N. T., May 15, 1901.

On the matter of the application of Tobe Lynch for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. F. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Tobe Lynch.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Lynch? A About 45 I guess.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Chaffee.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A One child.  
Q What is your child's name? A Anna Bell.  
Q How old is Anna Bell? A She is 14, this coming year.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the 1880 roll? A I think it is.  
Q Are you married? A No sir, my wife is dead.  
Q What is the name of the mother of Anna Bell? A Mary.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her name before you married her? A Mary Blythe.  
Q What was her father's name? A I don't know.  
Q Do you know her mother's name? A Yes sir.  
Q What is it? A Abbie Blythe.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You say your wife is dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How old would she be if she were living now? A I think about 86 or 7 years old.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 281, No. 1563, Tobias Lynch, Delaware District.

- Q Was your wife ever married before she married you? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's deceased wife not identified thereon.

- Q Do you know whether her name is on the roll of 1880 or not? A No sir, I don't.  
Q You don't recollect her father's name? A No sir.  
Q How long has her mother been dead? A Her mother is living.  
Q Is she here? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she here on the grounds? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got anybody that you can prove your marriage to your wife, Mary? A No sir, no one here.  
Q Were you married to her? A Yes sir.  
Q Who married you? A Preacher Allen.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir, he is living.  
Q You know where he lives? A Yes sir, in Pryor Creek.

The 1895 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant, and that of his daughter, are found thereon as follows:

Page 80, No. 505, Tobe Lynch, Delaware District.  
Page 20, No. 508, Annie Lynch, Delaware District.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it since 1880? A No sir.  
Q Anna Bell alive at this time? A Yes sir,  
Q Living with you? A No sir.

Q The date she lives with you is confirmed?

A Commissioner, when he was applied for, married people must apply for their wives.

Q You have no children under 21 years of age and unmarried?

A No, she is married.

Q I mean unmarried? A No, she

Qom's. She must apply for herself.

Tobe Lynch applies for the enrollment of himself and one child. Upon investigation it is found that Tobe is married, consequently his application should only be for his self. His name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Tobias Lynch, and in the Census of 1890 as Tobe Lynch, and is duly identified as the applicant, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Tobe Lynch will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 1901.

Commissioner.



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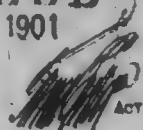
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 9, 1901  
Post Office Chaffee St.  
District Delaware

1. Name Tobe Lynch Age 46  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year 1870 Page 281 No. 1563 District Delaware

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by

Stenographer

Ms. 11  
1 " 1870 roll as Tobias Lynch  
1 " 1876 roll, Page 20 # 5705 - Del  
2 " 1870 roll as Tobias Lynch



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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Winita, I. T., May 6, 1892.

In the Matter of the application of Sophia Bryant for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. F. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sophia Bryant.  
Q How old are you? A 45.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Grayhawk, I. T.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline District.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q And do you want to enroll besides yourself, anybody? A Myself I suppose.  
Q Just yourself, nobody but yourself? A No sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other nation or tribes?  
A Not at all.  
Q Did you receive any money from any other nation or tribe? A None, but the Cherokees.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A George Bryant.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you living with him? A Yes sir.  
Q Why isn't he here to enroll with you? A I just came in myself.  
Q Do you want to enroll him? A I will let him enroll himself.  
Q What is your father's name? A William Vann; I never seen him.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Katherine McHair.  
Q Were you ever married before you married Bryant? A Yes sir.  
Q Who to? A Gilbert Vann.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Was he your first husband? A Yes sir.  
Q And Bryant is your second husband? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880 as Vann? A Yes sir; I married a Vann and never changed my name then.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 192, No. 3048, Sophia Vann, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1886 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw your strip money? A Yes sir.  
Q By what name Bryant or Vann? A Both of them was on the roll at that time.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 97, No. 2429, Sophia Bryant, Saline District.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live here now? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.  
Q Have you any children under 21 years of age? A Yes, I lived out when I was a small child.  
Q During the last twenty years? A No sir.  
Q Have you any children? A No sir, I have no children.







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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 9, 1901

Shannon, Ga.

Graham

Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

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Citizenship

Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

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Parents:

Father

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Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

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Mr. 1

E. R. Rothermel

On 1880 roll as Sophia Vanner

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Walla, I. T., May 3, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Anderson for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen, she being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sarah Anderson.  
Q How old are you, Sarah? A I am twenty.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Cowwasee.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cowwasee District.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Jerry Alberty.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Ruth Alberty.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just one child.  
Q What is the child's name? A Mary Anderson.  
Q How old is it? A Six weeks old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Jesse Anderson.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any tribe or nation, besides the Cherokee? A No sir.  
Q Did you draw money from any other? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's parents are identified thereon as follows:

Page 81, No. 83, Jerry Alberty, Cowwasee District.  
Page 61, No. 84, Ruth Alberty, Cowwasee District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 395, No. 17, Sarah Alberty, Cowwasee District.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Sarah Anderson applies for the enrollment of herself and child, Mary. She avers that she is the daughter of Jerry and Ruth Alberty, and that she is now married to one Jesse Anderson, a non citizen, by whom she has one child, Mary, for whom she applies for enrollment. The names of her father and mother, Jerry and Ruth, are found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and her name is found upon the census roll of 1896; she is duly identified, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence; the name of her child is not upon the rolls, having been born after the same were compiled. Consequently, the said Sarah Anderson and her child, Mary, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of the child, it will be necessary for her to file with the Commission satisfactory proof of its birth.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 1901.

*F. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.



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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

Age

Citizenship

Owner's name

Year

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

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Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

1. On 1896 roll as Sarah Alberty

2 aff. 7. birth required.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 765

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Mary Anderson  
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved, May 28<sup>th</sup>

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Mary Anderson, born on the 19 day of March, 1901  
(Insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Jesse Anderson, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Anderson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Lenapeh, Ok

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

~~UNITED STATES OF AMERICA~~ } State of Kansas } S.S.  
~~INDIAN TERRITORY~~ } Montgomery County }  
District: \_\_\_\_\_  
I, Sarah Anderson, on oath state that I am 20  
years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Jesse Anderson, who is a citizen, by  
birth, of the U.S. Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 19 day of March, 1901; that said child has been  
named Mary Anderson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sarah Anderson.Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of May, 1901.

My Commission Expires January 15, 1904.

H. R. Barnes  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

~~UNITED STATES OF AMERICA~~ } State of Kansas } S.S.  
~~INDIAN TERRITORY~~ } Montgomery County }  
District: \_\_\_\_\_  
I, Mary Anderson, a Married woman, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah Anderson, wife of Jesse Anderson,  
on the 19 day of March, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Mary Anderson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mary Anderson  
MarkH. R. Barnes  
Jesse Anderson  
JessieSubscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of May, 1901.

My Commission Expires January 15, 1904.

H. R. Barnes  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 3, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Hunter for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen.  
Mary Hunter, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mary Hunter.  
Q How old are you? A 24 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A A couple of children.  
Q What are the names of your two children? A Vivian Thompson.  
Q How old is Vivian? A 3 years old.  
Q The name of the next child? A Martha Jane Thompson.  
Q How old is Martha Jane? A 4 years old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A W. M. Hunter.  
Q What is your father's name? A Jacob Bean.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Mahaley Bean.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.  
Q Was you ever married to anybody before you married Hunter?  
A No, sir.  
Q These children were born to you before you were married to Hunter? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation? A No, sir.  
Q Ever draw any money from any other Nation besides the Cherokee Nation? A No, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Mary Hunter identified thereon, page 619, No. 184, Saline district, as Mary Bean.  
Q When were you married to Hunter, how long ago? A A little over a year.  
Q Your name would still be Mary Bean; you drew money as Mary Bean?  
A Yes, sir.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants not identified thereon.  
The Kerne-Clifton roll examined, and the applicant, Mary Hunter, identified thereon, page 19, No. 481, Saline district, as Mary Bean.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born in the Cherokee Nation and raised here? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these two children Vivian and Martha Jane, living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living with you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your children, born to you? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Mary Hunter applies for the enrollment of herself and two children, Vivian Thompson and Martha J. Thompson. She avers that she is married to one W. M. Hunter, and that she is the daughter of Jacob and Mahaley Bean. Her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Mary Bean, that having been her maiden name, and she is duly identified as the applicant. Her name is also found upon the Kerne-Clifton pay-roll. The names of the two children are not found upon any roll, they having been born after said rolls were compiled, but she makes satisfactory proof of birth of said children, which is filed herewith. They are all duly identified and

May 11, 1901.

A satisfactory proof of residence, consequently Mary Hunter and her two children, Vivia and Martha S. Thompson, will be duly listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

Respectfully,

George C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereon.

*George C. Jones*

Given to and subscribed before me this 5th day of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 9, 1901  
 Post Office Virgity, S.C.  
 District Sakius

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

## Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife Mary Hunter Age 24  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 619 No. 164 District Sakius

## Parents:

Father Jacob Beas - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Mahala " - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

## Names of Children:

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Application made by Mr. 1Stenographer B. C. Jones

1. On roll as Mary Beas  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Licia Thompson*  
as a citizen of  
*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved

*May 9th* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Alicia Thompson born on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Nov-, 1894  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Jordan Thompson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Hunter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Mary Hunter, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I ~~was~~ the lawful wife of Jordan Thompson, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Nov-, 1894; that said child has been  
named Vicia Thompson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Mary HunterSubscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 1901.G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Caroline Landrum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Hunter, wife of Jordan Thompson,  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Nov-, 1894; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Vicia Thompson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Caroline Landrum  
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WitnessesHarri Martin  
G. F. BaileySubscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 1901.G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Martha J. Thompson*  
as a citizen of  
*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved, *May 9th* 1901  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Martha Jane Thompson born on the 27th day of Jan, 1897.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Jordan Thompson citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Hunter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern DISTRICT.

I, Mary Hunter, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I ~~was~~ the lawful wife of Jordan Thompson, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 27th day of Jan, 1897; that said child has been  
named Martha Jane Thompson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern DISTRICT.

I, Caroline Landrum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Hunter, wife of \_\_\_\_\_,  
on the 27th day of Jan, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Martha Jane Thompson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Bairie Martin  
L. F. Bailey

Caroline Landrum  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

my Com. Exp. - April 15 - 1903.

Freedman Webb

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Roosevelt Hunter

as a citizen of

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

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Cherokee Freedman BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Roosevelt Hunter, born on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: William Hunter, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Hunter (ne Bean), a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Mary Hunter (ne Bean), on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Wm Hunter, who is a citizen, by  
of the United States Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902, that said child has been  
named Roosevelt Hunter, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1902.  
Geo E. McCulloch

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Caroline Landrum, midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Hunter (ne Bean) wife of Wm. Hunter  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Roosevelt Hunter.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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REPORT OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE TERRITORY OF ARIZONA, UNDER THE ACT OF MARCH 3, 1879, FOR THE YEAR 1891.

BY J. W. GOWENLOCK, GEOLOGICAL SURVEYOR.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 2, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Carrie Martin for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen, Carrie Martin, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Carrie Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 20.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A One child.  
Q What is the name of the child? A Frances Martin.  
Q How old is it? A 2 years old.  
Q What is your father's name? A Jacob Bean.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Mahaley Bean.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Joe Martin.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you apply to have him enrolled or will he attend to that himself? A He will attend to that himself I guess.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant's mother, Mahaley Bean, found thereon, page 619, No. 140, Saline district, as Mahaley Bean.  
The 1898 census roll of Cherokee freedmen examined and the applicants not identified thereon.  
Q Did you draw money known as the strip money? A Yes, sir.  
The Kerne-Clifton roll examined, and the applicant Carrie Martin identified thereon, page 119, No. 483, Saline district, as Carrie Bean.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you got proof of birth of the children? A (Exhibits paper)

Commissioner: Carrie Martin applies for the enrollment of herself and one child. She avers that she is the daughter of Mahaley Bean, and the name of Mahaley Bean is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. The name of the applicant is not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, not having been born at that time, but her name is found upon the Kerne-Clifton pay-roll, and she is duly identified according to page and number of the roll as indicated in the testimony.

The name of her child Frances is not found upon any roll in the possession of the Commission, having been born after the rolls were compiled, but she makes satisfactory proof of the birth of said child. She avers also in her testimony that she is married to Joseph Martin. Consequently, the said married Martin will be duly listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, as will her child Frances.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 9th of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.




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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 9, 1901

Post Office

Vicksburg, St.

District

Saline

1. Name

~~Joseph Martin~~

Age 23

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

~~William Martin~~

Citizenship

Mother

~~Mattie Martin~~

Citizenship

Name of wife

Carrie Martin

Age 20

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

K. L.

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No.

483

District

Saline

Parents:

Father

Jacob Bean - living

Citizenship

Mother

Mahala " - dead

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2. Frances Martin

Year

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Application made by

Ms. 1

Stenographer

B. C. Jones

1. On K. L. roll as Carrie Bean

2. aff. of Birth required.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Frances Martin*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved,

*May 9th*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Frances Martin, born on the 23rd day of April, 1899  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Joseph Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Carrie Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Carrie Martin, on oath state that I am 20  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joseph Martin, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 23rd day of April, 1899; that said child has been  
named Frances Martin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 1901.

G. F. Baile  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

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INDIAN TERRITORY,  
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I, Caroline Landrum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
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said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Frances Martin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mary Hunter  
Geo Bailey

Caroline Landrum  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 1901.

G. F. Baile  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

my Com - Exp - April 15 - 1903

Reported by and known to persons in this high dept. of navy. 1892.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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Cherokee Freedman 767.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Tahlequah, I. T., May 16, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Carrie Martin for the enrollment of herself and her child, Frances Martin, as Cherokee freedmen.

Carrie Martin, being duly sworn, and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Carrie Martin.  
Q How old are you? A Twenty-three.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vinita.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, I have been married; I aint married now; me and my husband separated.  
Q What was his name? A Joe Martin.  
Q How many children have you? A One.  
Q Frances? A Yes.  
Q How long have you and your husband been separated? A Ever since the fifth of last August.  
Q This child been living with you? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is it? A Four years old.  
Q Where were you living when you separated? A Living with my father.  
Q Vinita? A Out on Grand River, fifteen miles from Vinita.  
Q Are you still living there? A Yes sir.  
Q Been living there ever since you separated? A Yes sir.  
Q You and this child? A Yes.  
Q Where is your husband? A I don't know, sir.  
Q Have you seen him since? A Yes; I haven't seen him since September, and he left the country and I haven't heard of him since.  
Q Did you have any trouble? A We just couldn't get along.  
Q You are taking care of the child? A Yes sir.  
Q Does he provide for it at all? A No sir.  
Q He don't send you any money? A No sir.  
Q You work for your own living now? A Yes sir. Well, my father supports me and the child. He feeds us and I have to get her clothes.  
Q Your father does? A Yes sir.  
Q Your husband doesn't contribute to your support at all? A No sir.  
Q Nor your child? A No sir.  
Q He hasn't been to see you since he left? A He come a time or two before he left for good.  
Q Did he try to get the child? A No sir.  
Q He never has had the child since you separated? A No sir.  
Q It has been with you all the time? A Yes sir.  
Q You don't know whether your husband is in the country or not, do you? A No sir, I don't.  
Q Have you any idea where he is? A No sir, I haven't.
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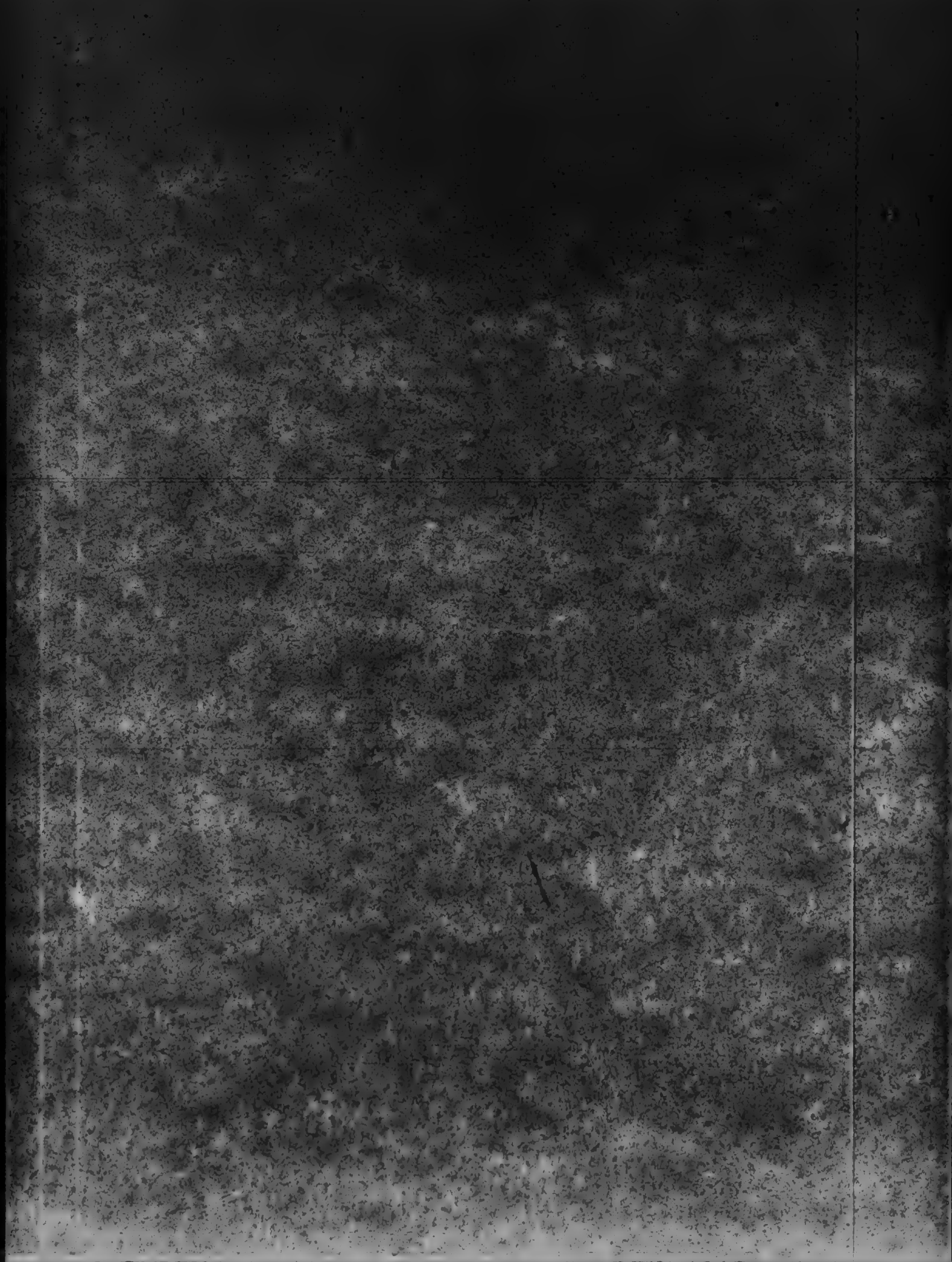
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W. H. H. H. H.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1905.

Samuel Foreman  
Notary Public.



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## ACTING CHAIRMAN

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to satisfy the burden of proof in the case of the  
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 one Henry Thompson, whose citizenship is in dispute. The family  
 the applicant. He makes satisfactory proof of a marriage to  
 and with the said William Thompson, and as a result of  
 to himself and his wife Mary and his child Willie Thompson.  
 Commissioner, Jordan Thompson wishes for the Commission

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Okla., May 6, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jordan Thompson for the enrollment of himself, his wife and one child as Cherokee Freedmen, Jordan Thompson, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jordan Thompson.  
Q How old are you? A 38 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Beavinsaw.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife and child.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Nancy Thompson.  
Q How old is she? A She is 30 years old.  
Q You have been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to any other Nation or tribe to be enrolled? A No, sir.  
Q Is your wife a Cherokee Freedman in her own right? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her father's name? A I don't know what her father's name was, he is dead.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Fr hoas Bly.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was your wife named Bly before you married her? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of your child? A Willis Thompson.  
Q How old is Willis? A 4 years old.  
Q How long have you been married? A About five or six years I guess.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Jordan Thompson identified thereon, page 689, No. 1156, Saline district.

Mother of Nancy Thompson not on 1880 roll.

- Q Is your wife's mother here? A Yes, sir, I don't know whether she is right in here, she is here on the ground though.  
Q Your wife's mother don't appear to be on the roll of 1880?  
A Well, she is said to be a citizen, I don't know.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon not identified thereon.

- Q Did you draw the strip payment money? A Yes, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton roll examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Jordan Thompson on page 83, No. 384, Saline district:

- Q Who is Abbie Bly? A That is Frances' name  
Nancy Thompson on page 158, No. 3898, Cooweescoowee district, as Nancy Blye.

- Q When were you married? A I don't know what year it was we were married in.

- Q Have you any certificate of marriage? A No, sir.

- Q Anybody here know you were married? A Yes, sir, Art Bean and Charlie Lendrum.

Arthur Bean, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Arthur Bean.  
Q What is your age? A 35.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q Do you know Jordan Thompson? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know Nancy Thompson, his wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know whether they were ever married or not? A They were married but I wasn't to the wedding.  
Q Have they been living together as man and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Recognized in the community as man and wife? A Yes, sir.



Jordan Thompson et al. - 2.

Living together now. - 1. - 1891.

Testimony of John S. relative to citizenship of  
Jordan Thompson, listed as not affecting rights of  
Jordan Thompson and child.

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Commissioner: Jordan Thompson applies for the enrollment  
of himself and his wife Nancy and his child Willie Thompson.

His name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1890  
and upon the Kears-Elston roll, and he is duly identified as  
the applicant. He makes satisfactory proof of his marriage to  
one Nancy Thompson, whose citizenship is in dispute. The result  
of said marriage he avers is one child, named William Thompson,  
four years of age. They are all duly identified, and the said  
Jordan Thompson makes satisfactory proof both as to residence  
and citizenship. He and his child William Thompson will be  
listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to com-  
plete the enrollment of his child, Willie, it will be necessary  
for him to file with this Commission satisfactory proof of  
its birth.

By reason of the testimony, Nancy Thompson, wife of  
said Jordan Thompson, will be placed upon a doubtful card,  
awaiting further investigation by the Commission.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 10th of May, 1901.

*A. H. McKinstry*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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JAN 9 1901

 ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## -CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

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Name of wife

Owner's name

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Parents:

Father

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Application made by

Stenographer

1. On K. C. roll

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN 761

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Willis Thompson*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved,

*May 14*  
1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
A. T. G. G. G.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Willis Thompson born on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1897.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Jordan Thompson a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Nancy Thompson a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Spanaway, N.J.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Nancy Thompson, on oath state that I am 20  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Jordan Thompson, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1897; that said child has been  
named Willis Thompson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Caroline Landrum, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Nancy Thompson, wife of Jordan Thompson,  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Willis Thompson.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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## CHAIRMAN

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 1. Was it your wife's first marriage? Yes. V. Mexico, the same.  
 2. How long married? V. 3 years.  
 3. How many children? V. 3.  
 4. Have you been out of the United States? V. No, sir.  
 5. Have you been out of the State of California? V. No, sir.  
 6. Is your name on the roll of 1880? V. Yes, sir.  
 7. How are you employed? V. As a Carpenter.  
 8. How long have you been in California? V. 12 years.  
 9. How long have you been in the United States? V. 12 years.  
 10. Where were you born? V. Mexico, the same.

Experiment on the Capacity of

James Thompson, born July 2nd, 1871, at Chicago, Ill.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, January 28th, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Jordan  
Thompson for the enrollment of himself  
and child, Willis Thompson, as Cherokee  
Freedmen.

Supplemented to  
Cherokee F-768.

Jordan Thompson, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. State your name? A. Jordan Thompson.  
Q. How old are you? A. Why, about 26 years old, I guess.  
Q. What is your post office? A. Chaffee.  
Q. You are a Cherokee Freedman, are you? A. Yes, sir/  
Q. Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Have you been residing in the Cherokee Nation since 1880?  
A. Yes, sir. Never was in the states in my life.  
Q. Never was out of the Cherokee Nation? A. No, sir.  
Q. Are you married? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What is your wife's name? A. Nancy Thompson.  
Q. When were you married to Nancy? A. Why, about 5 years  
ago, I guess.  
Q. Have you any children? A. One.  
Q. What is its name? A. Willis Thompson.  
Q. Are you the father of that child? A. Yes, sir.,  
Q. Nancy is the mother? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Willis is living? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Has he lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since he was born?  
A. Yes, sir.

Jesse O. Carr, being first duly sworn, states that as  
stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he  
reported the above entitled case and that the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <sup>11<sup>th</sup></sup> day of April, 1903.

Samuel Fortman  
Notary Public.

Tahlequah, Indian Territory, September 18, 1908.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

As directed in Commission's letter of September 15, there are enclosed herewith the original jackets and records in Cherokee Freedmen cases, #763, Jordan Thompson, and #489, John Foreman.

Reference is made to Cherokee Freedmen B-217 and B-36.

Respectfully,

Clerk in Charge  
Cherokee Land Office.

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ORS

COPY.

Charlotte Freedson

No. 765,

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 6, 1906.

Jordan Thompson,

Spavinaw, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt, by reference from the Secretary of the Interior, of what purports to be a birth affidavit showing the birth, on April 3, 1902, of Lewis Thompson, minor child of yourself and Nancy Thompson.

In reply you are advised that an examination of the records of the Commission fails to disclose that application has ever been made for the enrollment of the said Lewis Thompson as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. In this connection your attention is called to section 30 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 716), which provides:

" . . . the application of no person whomsoever for enrollment shall be received after the thirty-first day of October, nineteen hundred and two."

Respectfully,

SIGNED)

*T. B. Needles.*

*T. B. Needles.*  
Commissioner in Charge.





Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wash., D.C., May 9, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Andy Johnson for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
Andy Johnson, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Andy Johnson.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your post office address? A Chelsea.  
Q Do you know what district you live in? A I don't know what district, I live at Chelsea (Seventy-two).  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you ever been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified therein, page 646, No. 573, Saline district.  
The 1886 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant not identified therein.  
The Korns-Elfters pay-roll examined and the applicant identified therein, page 95, No. 586, Saline district.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Fog Johnson.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Kidney Johnson.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.

Commissioner: Andy Johnson applies for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman. He is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1886, and he makes satisfactory proof of residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce G. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 10th of May, 1901.

W. H. Needles

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

*[Faint handwritten notes and signatures]*

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 9, 1901

Post Office Cherokee

District Co.

1. Name Andy Johnson Age 21

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 640 No. 572 District Saline

Parents:

Father Gov Johnson - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Saline - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Ms. 1 Stenographer B. C. Jones

1 On K. C. roll, P. 23 #585 - Saline

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~~The following information was obtained from the files of the New York State Department of Social Services, Division of Child Welfare, dated 10/18/67.~~

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proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
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James O. Jones, being duly sworn, says that an stenographer to

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of May, 1901.

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Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
Vinita, T-Ex., May 8, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Annie Bell Lett for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Annie Bell Lett, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Annie Bell Lynch.  
Q How old are you? A 14.  
Q What is your post office? A Specimens.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Elwood Lett.  
Q Then your name is Lett instead of Lynch? A Yes, sir, it is now.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No, sir, I don't think he is.  
Q What was your father's name? A Tobe Lynch.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Mary Lynch.  
Q Are they living? A My father is, but my mother is dead.

The 1886 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and father of applicant, Tobe Lynch, identified thereon, page 261, No. 1865, Delaware district, as Tobias Lynch.

- Q Was your mother's name Mary? A Yes, sir.  
By E. V. Hastings, Cherokee Attorney: Did you have an aunt by the name of Mary? A Yes, sir.  
Commissioner: When did your mother die? A About five years ago; her name doesn't appear on the roll of 1886.  
Q Your mother's name was Mary Bly before she married Lynch was it?  
A I don't think it was.

Allen Lynch, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Allen Lynch.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q Do you know Tobe Lynch? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you know his wife Mary? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Mary living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know whether Tobe and Mary were ever married or not?  
A I don't know that, they lived together.  
Q They were regarded in the community as man and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q When they were living together did they have any children?  
A Had one.  
Q What is its name? A We always just called her Babe.  
Q This applicant is the girl? A Yes, sir, this is the one.  
Q Was she born to Tobe and Mary while they were living together as man and wife? A Yes, sir.

By E. E. Bell, Cherokee Attorney: How long did they live together?  
A I can't tell, they lived together for two or three years before that small pox, you can tell when that was, and she died since that small pox.

Tobe Lynch, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Tobe Lynch.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know my age just exactly, forty odd.  
Q What is your post office? A Chaffee.  
Q Do you know Annie Bell Lett? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she your daughter? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Mary.  
Q Mary Bly? A Yes, sir, that was her maiden name.  
Q Were you and Mary Bly ever married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who by? A A preacher named Allen.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.

Amie Bell Lett - 2.

Q How long did you and Mary live together? A We lived together about eight or nine years.

Q How Amie Bell came while you were living together, this applicant herself? A Yes, sir.

Q Was Mary dead when you were living together as man and wife?

A Yes, sir.

Q Who is your child by your wife Mary, is that? A Yes, sir.

Q Is Mary dead? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you live with her till her death? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant not identified therein.

The Karna-Clifton pay-roll examined and the applicant identified therein, page 80, No. 222, Salawee district, at Amie Lett.

Commissioner Amie Bell Lett applies for the enrollment of herself. She avers that she is the child of Robt and Mary Lynch, and the name of Robt Lynch is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and satisfactory proof is made as to his marriage with Mary, the mother of the applicant. She also avers that she is now married to one Elwood Lett, and her name appears upon the Karna-Clifton pay-roll. Her name does not appear upon the census roll of 1880. She is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof of residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce C. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th of May, 1901.

Commissioner

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 9, 1901

Post Office

Spartanburg S.C.

District

Delaware

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Anna B. Lynch Age 14

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1866 Page 20 No. 508 District Delaware

Parents:

Father Robt Lynch - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother Mary " - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by

Stenographer

Ms. 1  
Ms. 1 Out K. C. roll as Annie Lynch  
Pl. Jones

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Cherokee Freedmen

No. 770.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 1, 1905.

Elwood Lett,

Chaffee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of affidavit submitted on April 14, 1905, claiming the birth, on January 25, 1903, of Velma Lett, minor child of yourself and Annie Bell Lett.

In reply you are advised that an examination of the records of the Commission fails to disclose that application has been made for the enrollment of the said Velma Lett as a Cherokee freedman. You are further advised that this Commission is now without authority to receive applications for enrollment in said Nation.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED).

Jame Bixby.  
Chairman.





Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lovie Landrum for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen.

Lovie Landrum, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lovie Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A 18.  
Q What is your present office address? A Chelsee  
Q What district do you live in? A Coconino.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My baby.  
Q What is your child's name? A Odeth Landrum.  
Q How old is it? A Five or six months old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Charlie Landrum.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has he applied to be enrolled? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has he been enrolled himself? A No, he hasn't been enrolled.  
Q Where is he? A Yonder he is (indicating).  
Q What was your father's name? A Nels Thompson.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Sidney Johnson.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the mother of applicant identified thereon, page 640, No. 570, Saline district, Sidney Johnson.

Father of applicant not on 1880 roll.

- Q What was your maiden name before you were married? A Thompson.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant not identified thereon.

- Q Did you draw strip money, do you recollect? A Yes, sir.

- Q Did you have a sister named Lorey? A No, sir.

The Kerns-Slifton pay-roll examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 23, No. 287, Saline district, as Lorey Thompson.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Lovie Landrum applies for the enrollment of herself and one child. She avers that she is the child of Sidney Johnson, and the name of Sidney Johnson is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and she is duly identified as the mother of the applicant. The name of the applicant is also found upon the Kerns-Slifton pay-roll as Thompson. She makes satisfactory proof of the birth of her child, Odeth, for whom she applies for enrollment. She is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof of residence, consequently Lovie Landrum and her child Odeth Landrum will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, she ~~Sittingbourne~~ averring that she has married one Charles Landrum, a Freedman, whose rights are contested.

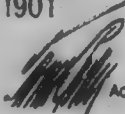
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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of May, 1901.

*Bruce G. Jones*  
*Commissioner*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 9, 1901  
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1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother *Lovie* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_1. Name of wife *Louise Landrum* \_\_\_\_\_ Age *18* \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *186* Page *23* No. *587* District *Saline*

Parents:

Father *Wilson Thompson - living* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother *Sidney Johnson - dead* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2. *Edith Landrum* Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ *6 mos*

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Application made by

Stenographer

*Ms. 1*  
*1 Cor K. C. & well as Lorey Thompson*

*2 aff. of birth required.*

Freedman 771

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Edith Ludrius*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*May 17*

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Odath Landrum, born on the 14 day of November, 1900  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Charley Landrum, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
Name of Mother: Lovie Landrum, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Cherokee St

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

North

District.

I, Lovie Landrum, on oath state that I am 18  
years of age and a citizen, by Frederick Blood, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Charley Landrum, who is a citizen, by  
Frederick Blood, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 14 day of November, 1900; that said child has been  
named Odath Landrum, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Lovie LandrumSubscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.David E. Elliott

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

North

District.

I, S. C. Martin, Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lovie Landrum, wife of Charley Landrum  
on the 14 day of November, 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Odath Landrum.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)D. E. Elliott  
S. E. CoyhillS. C. MartinSubscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.David E. Elliott

NOTARY PUBLIC.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Tahlequah, T. T., August 24, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment as Cherokee freedmen of the Cherokee Nation, of Lovie Leflore (formerly Landrum) and her son Odoth Landrum.

Andy Johnson, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Andy Johnson.  
Q What is your age? A 25.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Sawinaw.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to give some testimony in regard to the marriage of your sister? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her name? A Lovie Leflore.  
Q What was her name before she married? A Lovie Thompson.  
Q What was her name when she was enrolled by the Commission? A Lovie Landrum.  
Q Has she married since she was enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q When was she married? A August 3, 1903.  
Q Who was she married to? A Fred Leflore.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No sir.  
Q Are she and Fred Leflore living together now? A No sir.  
Q Has she been divorced? A No sir.  
Q She is still his wife? A Yes sir, but they aint living together.

I, J. F. Gaskill, being duly sworn, state that as stenographer for the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, I correctly recorded the foregoing proceedings and testimony and that the above is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 29 day of Aug. 1904

Daniel Freeman  
Notary Public.





Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winn, I.T., May 2, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Edna Campbell for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Edna Campbell, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A My name is Edna Foster.
- Q How old are you? A 31.
- Q What is your post office address? A Bowling Ferry.
- Q What district? A Bowling District.
- Q Is there a post office called Bowling Ferry? A Yes, sir. (Ketchikan P.O.)
- Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.
- Q Have you been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A It ought to be on '80.
- Q Are you married? A Yes, sir, I am married now.
- Q What is your husband's name? A He is a state man.
- Q Has he got a name? A Yes, sir, of course.
- Q Well, I asked you what is his name? A Jim Campbell.
- Q Then your name is Campbell? A No, my name is Edna Foster on the roll.
- Q I asked you what your name is now? A Edna Campbell.
- Q Were you ever married before? A Yes, sir.
- Q What was your former husband's name? A Jerry Foster was my first husband.
- Q And Campbell in your second husband? A Yes, sir.
- Q Were you married to Foster as far back as 1880? A Yes, sir, in 1880.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 161, No. 1047, Goowessgoowee district, as Edney Foster.

- Q Is he dead? A No, sir.

The 1886 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant not identified thereon.

- Q Did you draw your strip money? A No, sir, I didn't draw.
- Q Why? A I don't know what is the case of it, my father enrolled me there.
- Q Maybe he drew it? A He would have given it to me.
- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.
- Q Living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Edna Campbell applies for the enrollment of herself. She avers that she is married to one Jim Campbell and she was formerly married to one Jerry Foster, and that her name in 1880 was Edna Foster, and the name of Edna Foster is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. She is duly identified thereby and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Edna Campbell will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 10th of May, 1901.

*Bruce C. Jones*  
*Commissioner*

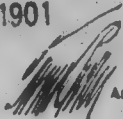
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 9, 1901

Post Office

Hickman S.C.

District

Delaware

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

11 Name of wife

Edna Campbell

Age

5-3

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

1047

District

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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Application made by

M. J.

Stenographer

B. C. Jones

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OF INFORMATION RE THE CASE OF THE LATE LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. H. COOPER,  
AND HIS WIFE, MRS. J. H. COOPER, WHO WERE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY  
DURING THE RECENT MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION.  
THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE NAMES OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN  
WHO WERE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY DURING THE RECENT MILITARY  
OPERATIONS IN THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of June 1964.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 2, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lucy Martin for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Lucy Martin, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lucy Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 28.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever been recognized by the Cherokee Nation as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Never applied to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Me and two children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Della Martin.  
Q How old is Della? A 3 years old.  
Q The next child's name? A Sedalia.  
Q How old is Sedalia? A She is a year old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Houston Martin.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where is he? A He is here somewhere.  
Q Why don't he apply with you and have the family enrolled together? A His rights is disputed.  
Q What was your father's name? A William Vann.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Rachel Vann.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 332, No. 2805, as Lucy Vann, or Root, no age or nationality given.  
Q Did you draw strip money? A No, sir.  
Q Why? A Because my name couldn't be found on the pay-roll.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants not identified thereon.  
The Kerna-Clifton pay-roll examined, and the applicants not identified thereon.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you got any certificates of birth? A Yes, sir (exhibiting papers.)

Commissioner: Lucy Martin applies for the enrollment of herself and two children, Della and Sedalia Martin. She avers that she is the child of William and Rachel Vann, and her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Lucy Vann. She avers that she is now married to one Houston Martin, and that Houston Martin is a Cherokee citizen by blood and that he is the father of the two children applied for, and she presents satisfactory proof of the birth of said children, which is filed herewith. She presents satisfactory proof of residence and is duly identified according to page and number of the roll as indicated, and she and her two children, Della and Sedalia will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Sedalia Martin*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*May 9<sup>th</sup>*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Sedalia Martin (Here insert name of child), born on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1900  
Name of Father: Houston Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucy Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Lucy Martin, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Houston Martin, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was born to me on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1900; that said child has been named Sedalia Martin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Mary Hunter  
Geo Bailey

Lucy Martin  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.  
G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Neatle Martin, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Lucy Martin, wife of Houston Martin, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1900 that there was born to her on said date a Sedalia Martin child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Sedalia Martin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Mary Hunter  
Geo. Bailey

Neatle Martin  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.  
G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

my term exp April 15-1903.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Della Martin*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved,

*May 9<sup>th</sup>* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]* ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

BY RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Hella Martin, born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Houston Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Luey Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Luey Martin, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Houston Martin, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1897; that said child has been  
named Hella Martin, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mary Hunter  
Geo. Bailey

Luey Martin  
Per  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Neatie Martin, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Luey Martin, wife of Houston Martin  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Hella Martin.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mary Hunter  
Geo. Bailey

Neatie Martin  
Per  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 9, 1901

Post Office

Vinita, G. I.

District

Oklahoma

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife *Lucy Martin* Age *23*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1898* Page *332* No. *2805* District *Del*

Parents:

Father *Wm. Vane - dead* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother *Rachel " - dead* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2. *Nella Martin* Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ *3*3. *Sedalia " "* Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ *1*

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Application made by

*no. 1*

Stenographer

*B. C. Jones*

*1st roll as Lucy Vane or Root,*  
*2nd 3 affidavits of birth to be supplied.*



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wash., D.C., May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Eliza Jane Bean for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Eliza Jane Bean, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Eliza Jane Bean.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q You have been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Lemuel Bean.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Phyllis Bean.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you married? A No, sir.  
Q Ever been married? A No, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 236, No. 351, Delaware district.  
Q Did you draw strip money? A Yes, sir.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 627, No. 16, Delaware district.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Live here now? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner. Eliza J. Bean applies for the enrollment of herself. She is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896, as per page and number of the roll as indicated in the testimony, and makes satisfactory proof of residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 10th of May, 1901.

*Chas. H. Jones*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 9, 1901  
 Post Office Umita St.  
 District Delaware

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Eliza J. Bean Age 23

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1890 Page 228 No. 331 District Del

Parents:

Father Lander Bean - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Ellis " - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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Application made by W. H.

Stenographer B. Jones

1 Ans 1890 rolls

Eliza Bean

1 1896. 1

627 16 - Eliza Bean, Del



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*George Belle Perry*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE NATION.

Approved *Oct 30* 1902

*C. H. Brantley*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Good Hope Bell Terry*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE NATION.

Approved *Oct 30* 1902

*L. H. Brewster*  
Commissioner.

For Sale by Leader Printing Co., Vinita.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Corinthia Belle Terry, born on the 28 day of Aug, 1902  
 (here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Simon H. Terry, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Eliza Jane Terry, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Lincolnton, N.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Eliza Jane Terry, on oath state that I am 25  
 years of age and a citizen, by blood, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Simon H. Terry, who is a citizen, by  
 of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a female child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on the 28 day of Aug, 1902, that said child has been  
 named Corinthia Belle Terry, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

27 day ofOct1902

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Milly Fry, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Eliza Jane Terry, wife of Simon H. Terry,  
 on the 28 day of Aug, 1902, that there was born to her on  
 said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named Corinthia Belle Terry.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

27 day ofOct1902

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## CERTIFICATE OF RECORD

United States of America. }  
INDIAN TERRITORY. } SS.  
Northern District. }

I, Charles A. Davidson, Clerk of the United States Court in the North-  
ern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was  
filed for record in my office the 10 day of October 1901, at        M.,  
and duly recorded in Book L, Marriage Record, Page 253.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at ~~Montgomery~~ <sup>Vinita</sup> in said Territory, this 10 day of October, A. D. 1901

Chas. A. Davidson. Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, I. T., ..... 1

I, the undersigned, a Stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original offered in evidence in the matter of application for enrollment of .....

as .....citizen..... of the Cherokee Nation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Vinita, I. T., January 1, 1903.

I, the undersigned, Chief Clerk of the Cherokee Land Office and custodian of the records of the said Cherokee Land Office, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the said Land Office.

*W. B. Renter*  
Chief Clerk Cherokee Land Office.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January, 1903.

S. R. Walkeinghoff  
Notary Public.

# MARRIAGE LICENSE,

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } ss.  
Northern District.

No. 172.

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to Solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between Mr. S. H. Terry, of Vinita, in the Indian Territory, aged 40 years, and Miss Liza Bean, of Vinita, in the Indian Territory, aged 24 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at ~~Marion~~ Vinita Indian Territory, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1901

Chas. A. Davidson  
Clerk of the U. S. Court.

By T. A. Chandler Deputy.

SEAL

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } ss.  
Northern District.

I, A. R. Norris, a Minister of the Gospel, Do HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 15 day of Sept., A. D. 1901, I did duly and according to law as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand this 15 day of Sept. A. D. 1901

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Northern District, Book A, Page 250

A. R. Norris.

A Minister of the Gospel.



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*Chas. J. 7/7/4*

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I. T., July 27, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Eliza J. Bean,  
for the enrollment of herself and Charles, Carether, Belle Terry,  
as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

ELIZA JANE TERRY, being duly sworn and examined by the  
Commission, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Eliza Jane Terry.
- Q. How old are you? A. 26.
- Q. What is your post-office? A. Coffeyville.
- Q. You are Cherokee Freedmen? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Have you been married since your enrollment? A. Yes sir.
- Q. What is the name of your husband? A. Simon Harrison Terry.
- Q. Is he living? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A. No sir.
- Q. Are you and he living together? A. Yes sir.
- Q. When were you married? A. 15th of September.
- Q. What year? Will it be a year or two years next September?
- A. Four years.
- Q. You were not married when you made application for enrollment, were you? A. No sir.
- Q. Was it the next September after you made application?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. And it will be three years this next September? A. No sir, four years.
- Q. Do you think now after reflection that you married three years ago this coming September? A. Yes sir.
- Q. September 15th? A. Yes sir.

James B. Myers, being duly sworn and examined states  
that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized  
Tribes, he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this  
case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcrip of  
his stenographic notes therein.

*James B. Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 30th day of July, 1904.

*J. Reason*  
Notary Public.

Cherokee F-774

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 1, 1902.

Frank L. Burckhalter,  
Vinita, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of October 27, enclosing birth affidavits for the enrollment of two infant children. The same have been filed.

The application for the enrollment of Corether Belle Terry will not be complete, however, until the Commission is supplied with the original or certified copy of marriage license and certificate showing the marriage of this child's mother, Eliza Jane Terry. She has been listed for enrollment by this Commission under the name of Eliza Jane Bean.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Cherokee 18774

Wichita, Indian Territory, January 2, 1904.

Thomas Dawkins,

Wichita, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The marriage license and certificate showing the marriage on September 15, 1901, between S. H. Terry and Eliza Dean, is herewith returned to you, a copy having been made and filed with the application for the enrollment of Eliza Terry nee Dean, as a Cherokee Freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Encl: R.P.-3.







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10. O. HANSON, being first duly sworn, states that as agent-

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MANIE DAVIS, the Abbotsford, B.C.-born, registered as LOTTONE

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KINGSTON, I. T., MAY 21st, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mamie Davis for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen, said Davis being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mamie Davis.  
Q How old are you, Mamie? A 21.  
Q What is your post office address? A Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A Coconino.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q What do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A Two children.  
Q Please give me the names of your children? A Elizabeth Davis.  
Q How old is she? A She is a year old.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Addie Alberty.  
Q How old is Addie Alberty? A Five years old.  
Q How old is Elizabeth you say? A Year old.  
Q What is the name of your father? A Wash Davis.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A Betsey Blunt.  
Q Are you married? A I have been, but I ain't now, my husband is dead.  
Q What was your husband's name? A Hiram Davis.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir, he is dead.  
Q Were you married to anybody else? A No, sir.  
Q If you are married to Hiram Davis your does your name happen to be have? A That was my father's name.  
Q I want to know your name? A My name is Mamie Davis.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants' name not identified thereon.

APPLICANT: I was enrolled in Saline.

- Q As Mamie Davis? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you mother ever go by any other name besides Davis? A She went by Betsey Griffin, she went by the name of Buffington that was her owner's name.  
Q Was Betsey Buffington your mother? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know how your mother's name come to be Buffington? A That was her owner's name.  
Q I thought you said Davis was her owner's name? A No, sir, that was my father's name.  
Q Did you draw your strip money? A No, sir, I didn't draw, I drew in '80.  
Q You say you are on some roll as Emma Davis? A Yes, sir, I am on some roll my name is changed off.  
Q Well, have you got anybody here that knows that you are the child of Betsey Buffington? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who? A Patsy.

PATSY ALBERTY, being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Patsy Alberty.  
Q What is your age, Patsy? A 25.  
Q What is your post office? A Chouteau.  
Q Do you know Mamie Davis? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A She used to be Blunt, her husband was named Griffin, she goes by the name of Collins now.

Mamie Davis, et al.--2.

JERRY BUTLER, being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jerry Butler.  
Q How old are you? A 43.  
Q What is your post office address? A Chouteau.  
Q Do you know Mamie Davis? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Betsy Buffington was her maiden name, she married a Griffin, George Griffin.  
Q Did she ever marry a Blunt? A He went by the name of Blunt and Griffin too.  
Q Now, you know that the applicant here, Mamie Davis, is the daughter of Betsy Buffington? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation and the name of applicant's mother found thereon, page 680, #174, Betsy Buffington, Selma District.

MAMIE DAVIS, the Applicant, re-called, testified as follows:

- Q What did you say your husband's name was? A Hiram Davis.  
Q Is Hiram Davis the father of Elizabeth? A Yes, sir.  
Q Addie Alberty was born before you married Davis?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you got any proof of birth as to these children?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these children both alive now? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--Mamie Davis applies for the enrollment of herself and her two children, Elizabeth Davis one year of age, and Addie Alberty, five years of age. She avers that her maiden name was Mamie Nave, that her father was one Wash Nave and her mother was one Betsy Blunt. Proof has been made that Betsy Blunt was sometimes called Betsy Buffington, and the name of Betsy Buffington is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. The said Mamie Davis is identified as the daughter of Betsy Buffington, she now being married to one Hiram Davis, a non-citizen. They are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Mamie Davis and her two children, Elizabeth Davis and Addie Alberty, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. It will be necessary for her to file with this Commission satisfactory proof as to the birth of her two children.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 1901.

*Chas. J. ...*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 9, 1901

Post Office

Chattanooga, TN

District

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1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife *Mattie Davis* Age *21*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father *Wash have living* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother *Mary Blunt* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2. *Elizabeth Davis* Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ *1*3. *Addie Alberty* Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ *5*

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Application made by

*Ms. 1*

Stenographer

*Ms. 2 and 3 Affidavits of birth required.*



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**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of:

**INFANT CHILD**

*Eddie Liberty*  
as a citizen of

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved

**MAY 29 1901**

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

STATEMENT OF THE  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Addie Alberty, born on the 8 day of June, 1896.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Lincoln Alberty, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mamie Davis, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Cherokee, I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northwestern District.

I, Mamie Davis, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lincoln Alberty, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 8 day of June, 1896 that said child has been  
named Addie Alberty, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Belle Blocher  
Berry Alberty

Mamie Davis  
(mark)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May day of 1901.

J. P. Blocher

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northwestern District.

I, Betsy Blunt, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mamie Davis, wife of Lincoln Alberty,  
on the 8 day of June, 1896 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Addie Alberty.  
(male or female.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Belle Blocher  
Berry Alberty

Betsy Blunt  
(mark)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May day of 1901.

J. P. Blocher

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Elizabeth Davis*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

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*A. Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Elizabeth Davis (here insert name of child), born on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Feb., 1900  
Name of Father: Wiram Davis, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mamie Davis, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Choteau, I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Indian Territory,  
Armen District.

I, Mamie Davis, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Wiram Davis, who is a citizen, by  
W. S., of the United States Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Feb., 1900 that said child has been  
named Elizabeth Davis, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Belle Blidson  
Perry Alberty

Mamie Davis  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this may day of 1901.

J. P. Blidson  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Indian Territory,  
Armen District.

I, Betsy Blunt, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mamie Davis, wife of Wiram Davis,  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Feb., 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Elizabeth Davis.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Belle Blidson  
Perry Alberty

Betsy Blunt  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this may day of 1901.

J. P. Blidson  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Florence Ella Riley*  
as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*Oct 23*

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*C. R. Presbury*  
Commissioner.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Florence Ella Riley

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

Oct 23

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C. R. Meacham

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Florence Ella Riley, born on the 14 day of March, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Frank Riley a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mamie Davis a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Chateau, Indian Territory

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western District.

I, Mamie Davis, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by Fredman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am <sup>not</sup> the lawful wife of Frank Riley, who is a citizen, by  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 14 day of March, 1902; that said child has been

named Florence Ella Riley, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of October, 1902.

Price C Jones  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western District,

I, Betsy McConnell, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mamie Davis, wife of Frank Riley  
on the 14 day of March, 1902 that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Florence Ella Riley.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Betsy McConnell  
R Palmer  
Mabel T. Maxwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of October, 1902.

Price C Jones  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, Ind., Oct. 22, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Mamie Davis for the enrollment of herself and her minor children, Elizabeth Davis, Addie Alberty and Florence Ella Riley, as Cherokee Freedmen.

MAMIE ROSE, personally appearing, and being first duly sworn and examined, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mamie Rose.  
Q How old are you? A Why, I am twenty-three years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Tahlequah, now.  
Q Do you claim to be a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Under what name did you make application for enrollment? A Mamie Davis.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes, sir.  
Q When was you married? A I was married last November, the second day.  
Q Who were you married to? A J. J. Rose.  
Q Is he a Cherokee? A No, sir.  
Q Have you got your marriage license and certificate with you?  
A I haven't got it with me, he has it in his pocket.  
Q Are you and J. J. Rose living together now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you any children? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are their name's Elizabeth Davis, Addie Alberty and Florence Ella Riley? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are those children living with you now? A Yes, sir.

I, George R. Smith, being first duly sworn, state that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, I correctly recorded the above and foregoing testimony, and that the same is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

*George R. Smith*

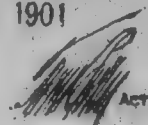
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of October, 1903.

*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.

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Vinita, Indian Territory, May 14th, 1901.

Amy Have Davis,

Choteau, Indian Territory.

Madam:—

When you applied for the enrollment of yourself and children as Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation you advised the Commission that your name was Amy Davis and that the name of your youngest child was Elisabeth Davis. We are now in receipt of birth certificates in the matter of the applications for enrollment of your two children in which your name appears as Amy Have and that of your daughter as Lissie Davis. The affidavits are returned to you herewith. You are desired to have your name appear in the birth certificates as Amy Davis and that of your daughter as Elisabeth Davis. When these corrections have been made forward the affidavits to the Commission at Muskogee where they will be further considered.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Enc. F. #776.





Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winton, I. T. May 19th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Patsy Alberty for the enrollment of herself and five children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn by Commissioner F. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Patsy Alberty.  
Q What is your present office address? A. Chontam.  
Q What is your age? A. 25.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you desire to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My children.  
Q How many children? A. Five.  
Q What are their names? A. Willie.  
Q How old is he? A. 12.  
Q Next? A. Lono.  
Q What is his age? A. 14.  
Q Next child? A. Oakley.  
Q How old? A. 5.  
Q Next child? A. Nellie S.  
Q How old? A. 7.  
Q Next child? A. Anna.  
Q How old? A. 3.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. My mother's name is.  
Q What is your father's name? A. Otter Alberty.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Nancy Taylor now.  
Q Was her name Nancy Taylor when you were born? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A. No sir Jim is dead.  
Q What is your husband's name? A. Jim Alberty.  
Q Were you ever married before you married him? A. No sir.  
Q Was your name Alberty before you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q Had you married a man named Alberty? A. Yes sir.  
Q You are over 25 years old are you not, you have a child 12 years old, you must have been more than seven years old when you had that child?  
A. Yes sir I guess I was.  
Q Then you must be about 20 at least. A. (No response)

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 127, No. 2921, Patsy Taylor, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1890 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is identified there on with her children as follows:  
Page 395, Patsy Taylor Alberty, Cooweescoowee district. (No. 5)  
Page 395, No. 6, William Alberty, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 395, No. 7, Lono Alberty, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 395, No. 9, Okie Alberty, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 395, No. 10, Sissie Alberty, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q Are these children all alive and living with you at this time? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your husband living? A. No sir.  
Q I find on the roll of 1880, the name of Patsy Taylor, is that intended for you? A. Yes sir I went by my step father's name.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir, raised in Cooweescoowee district.  
Q Were these children all born in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles-- Patsy Alberty applies for the enrollment of herself and five children; she is duly identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Patsy Taylor, that having been the name of her step

THE ALBERTS

Patrick has been in bond on the census roll of 1890 as being Taylor Albert; the names of her children, William, Jane, Corley and Nellie Albert are identified on the same roll, Nellie being enrolled thereon as Annie, her first name, and is duly identified as the child of the wife of the said Patrick. They are all duly identified according to the page and number of the roll as indicated in the testimony, and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said Taylor Albert, and her children as named herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of her youngest child, Emma, it will be necessary for her to file with this Commission satisfactory proof as to her birth.

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Chas. Ten Voase, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas. Ten Voase*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th of April, 1901 at Vinita, Okla.

*M. D. [Signature]*

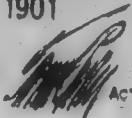
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Deputy Clerk.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 10, 1906

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1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Patsy Alberty

Age

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Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1890

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No.

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District

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Parents:

Father

Otter Alberty - living

Citizenship

Mother

Nancy Taylor living

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|     |                |      |      |      |     |     |    |       |     |    |
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| 2   | Willie Alberty | Year | 1896 | Page | 395 | No. | 6  | Dist. | Cov | 18 |
| 3   | Louise         | Year | "    | Page | 395 | No. | 7  | Dist. | "   | 14 |
| 4   | Oakley         | Year | "    | Page | 395 | No. | 9  | Dist. | "   | 9  |
| 5   | Mellie K.      | Year | "    | Page | 395 | No. | 10 | Dist. | "   | 7  |
| 6   | Emma           | Year | "    | Page | "   | No. | "  | Dist. | "   | 7  |
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Application made by

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Ms 1 On 1890 roll as Patsy Taylor  
 " " 1896 " Page 395- 35 Patsy Taylor Alberty  
 2 " 1896 " as William Alberty  
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 5 " 1896 " " " "  
 6 app. of birth required.



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Emma Albrity*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved, *June 19*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
 of Emma Alberty, born on the 4 day of May, 1899  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Sam Butler, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Patsy Alberty, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Chautauw, Ia

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Neuhum District.

I, Patsy Alberty, on oath state that I am 35  
 years of age and a citizen, by Fred Adops, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Sam Butler, who is a citizen, by  
Fred Adops, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
 (male or female.)  
 born to me on the 4th day of May, 1899; that said child has been  
 named Emma Alberty, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

T. L. Luedgrass  
J. C. Webb

Patsy Alberty  
her  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of June, 1901.

John S. Hix  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Neuhum District.

I, Martha Chaupman, as Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Patsy Alberty, wife of Sam Butler,  
 on the 4th day of May, 1899; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female.)  
 named Emma Alberty.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

T. L. Luedgrass  
J. C. Webb

Martha Chaupman  
her  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of June, 1901.

John S. Hix  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Willie Alberty  
a citizen of the

Shenakee Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner

ADMISSION TO THE DEATH OF

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Willie Alberty  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Chautau, Ind. Ter., and died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
June, 1904  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District. }  
 I, Patsy Alberty, on oath state that I am 38  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Chateau Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
mother of Willie Alberty,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Willie Alberty died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
June, 1904  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses)

Palmer Mark  
BO Jones  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of August, 1904  
Samuel Foreman  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY.

\_\_\_\_\_ District. }  
 I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am  
 \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_

Notary Public.

Cherokee 2-176

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
Tahlequah, I., August 12, 1904.

In the matter of the application of PATSY ALBERTY for the enrollment of herself and children, Willie, Lono, Oakley, Nellie G. and Emma Alberty as Cherokee freedmen; Cherokee 2-776.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Patsy Jenkins, being sworn and examined before the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Patsy Jenkins.  
Q How old are you? A 37.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Cheuteau.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Under what name were you enrolled? A Patsy Alberty.  
Q Have you got some children named Willie, Lono, Oakley, Nellie G. and Emma Alberty? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A 25th day of October two years ago.  
Q Who were you married to? A Samuel Jenkins.  
Q Is he a freedman? A He is a state man.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.

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I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of August, 1904.

Samuel J. Forman  
Notary Public.



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Wadagee, Indian Territory, August 9, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 21, 1903 (I.T.D. 6144-1903), June 1, 1903 (I.T.D. 6240-1903), October 4, 1903 (I.T.D. 12220-1903), and January 12, 1904 (I.T.D. 110-1904), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 226 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are inclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons. The number of the enrollment card on which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.                  |
|----------|----------|------------------------|
| 433      | 1314     | Ray E. Beck            |
| 2406     | 26598    | Joseph Hair            |
| 2408     | 6206     | Annie Kingfisher       |
| 2581     | 6019     | James Teehee           |
| 2581     | 6524     | Perry S. Teehee        |
| 2548     | 6573     | Osie M. Morgan         |
| 2618     | 6713     | Andrew Jackson Colvard |
| 2671     | 6839     | Ella Terrall           |

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.                |
|----------|----------|----------------------|
| 2722     | 2922     | Cladis A. Henry      |
| 2722     | 2922     | John B. Bryan        |
| 2722     | 2922     | Josephine E. Bryan   |
| 2722     | 2922     | John A. Eaton        |
| 2722     | 2922     | John A. Fincher      |
| 2722     | 2922     | Edward A. Adair      |
| 2722     | 2922     | Lee V. Woodard       |
| 2722     | 2922     | Marva Mann           |
| 2722     | 2922     | Lemuel Wittner       |
| 2722     | 2922     | Faithy Harry         |
| 2722     | 2922     | Henry P. Carter, Jr. |
| 2722     | 2922     | Joseph L. Smith      |
| 2722     | 2922     | Nora A. Willis       |
| 2722     | 2922     | W. Perry Brewer      |
| 2722     | 2922     | Katie Brewer         |
| 2722     | 2922     | Aaron Terrell        |
| 2722     | 2922     | James H. Israel      |
| 2722     | 2922     | Mattie Bell          |
| 2722     | 2922     | Lewis Tolon          |

Cherokee Freedmen.

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.             |
|----------|----------|-------------------|
| 731      | 1204     | Lincoln Lynch     |
| 776      | 1207     | Wellie C. Alberty |
| 1314     | 3651     | Mattie Hays       |

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1903 (I.T.D. 6240-1903), and October 4, 1903 (I.T.D. 12222-1903), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1904, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee Advocate" and "Fryer Creek Glepper", both weekly newspapers of general circulation, the

former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahpogah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Fryer Creek, Indian Territory, in the Recording District, in which the above named persons are shown to have resided at the time of their death. The first issue of this publication in "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 3, and the first issue in the "Fryer Creek Clipper" was on March 2, 1906. Attention was called to Section 34 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that the Commissioner would, at the expiration of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known postoffice advising the information received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the

consideration of the enrollment of said person as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1904, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Incl. 62-12,  
C.H.E.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

August 23, 1906.

C O P Y

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, 1906 forwarding affidavits as to the deaths of certain persons whose names appear on a partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Bixby refers to Departmental letters of May 31, (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1 (I.T.D. 6240-1906), October 4, (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, (I.T.D. 110-1906) relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the Department's instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with, and no information having been received that any of the persons enumerated in his report were on September 1, 1902, he recommends that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and



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this office, and that he be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved natural rolls in his possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits have been examined in the Office, and are transmitted herewith, the Office concurring in the Commissioner's recommendation.

Very respectfully,

T. E. Leupp.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON.

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I.B.D. 14724-1906.

August 29, 1906.

L.H.S.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you forwarded affidavits as to the deaths of 30 persons whose names appear on the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that you be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, you having complied with departmental instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons.

Reporting August 23, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs and you are authorized to strike the names of said persons from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Roll No.

Name.

1314  
26398  
6222  
6519  
6524

Ray E. Beck  
Joseph Hair  
Annie Kingfisher  
James Teehee  
Perry E. Teehee

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Cherokees by blood.

| Roll No. | Name                   |
|----------|------------------------|
| 6572     | Emie M. Morgan         |
| 6734     | Andrew Jackson Colvard |
| 6820     | Elia Terrell           |
| 6958     | Gladie A. Henry        |
| 6979     | John H. Bryan          |
| 6983     | Josephine M. Bryan     |
| 7011     | John A. Eaton          |
| 7264     | John B. Fincher        |
| 7717     | Edward A. Adair        |
| 7908     | Lee W. Woodard         |
| 7946     | Elzara Mann            |
| 80165    | Lammie Wittner         |
| 84147    | Faithy Harry           |
| 12708    | Henry F. Carter, Jr.   |
| 85112    | Jesse L. Smith         |
| 14204    | Nora A. Willis         |
| 14974    | W. Perry Brewer        |
| 14976    | Katie Brewer           |
| 15663    | Aaron Terrell          |
| 15777    | James H. Israel        |
| 16151    | Mattie Bell            |
| 18076    | Lewis Tolson           |

Cherokee Freedmen.

| Roll No. | Name.             |
|----------|-------------------|
| 1804     | Lincoln Lynch     |
| 1907     | Nellie G. Alberty |
| 3631     | Mattie Hava       |

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson

Assistant Secretary.

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Cherokee freedman

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 25, 1906

Patsy Alberty,

Chouteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In connection with the application for the enrollment as a freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation of your daughter, Nellie G. Alberty, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that her name was stricken from the approved roll of freedman citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and the application for her enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior August 29, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Receipts from S.

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Superscribed and sworn

to before the Court of the Town of New York, as attested.

13 1901

*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winita, I. T. May, 1898-1899.

EXHIBIT BURE

In the matter of the application of Martha Ross for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen, she being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Mattie Ross.  
Q What is your age? A. 32.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Okfuskee.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Wocwescowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. One child.  
Q What is this child's name? A. Mattie Ross.  
Q Are you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A. Robert Ross.  
Q Is he a citizen? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is he here? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is his name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir I think it is.  
Q What is your father's name? A. James Albany.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Ross Albany.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 812, No. 3, Martha Albany, Saline district.

- Q Were you ever called Martha? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you been married? A. Six years.  
Q Did you draw your stipend money? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other tribe? A. No sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is this child, Mattie Ross, for whom you now apply, living at this time? A. Yes sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants not found thereon.

The Kerna Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 51, No. 782, Martha Ross, Wocwescowee district.

- Q You say that you went by the name of Martha sometimes? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name Martha or Mattie? A. Martha is my right name.

By Com'r Needles:—Martha Ross applies for the enrollment of herself and one child, Mattie Ross; she swears that she is the child of James and Ross Albany and her name is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Martha Albany, that having been her maiden name; she swears that she has since married one Robert Ross; consequently her name is found on the Kerna Clifton roll as Martha Ross and she is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently she and her child Mattie Ross will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of her child, Mattie it will be necessary for her to file satisfactory proof of his birth, he having been born since the census or Clifton rolls were compiled.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Received*


subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Nov. 1881, at Union

*Wm. H. Brown*

*J. H. P.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 11, 1901  
 Post Office Monticello D.C.  
 District Co

1. Name ..... Age .....  
 Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
 Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....  
 Mother Martha ..... Citizenship .....

12. Name of wife Martha Ross Age 22  
 Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
 Year 1880 Page 612 No. 3 District Saline

Parents:

Father Jas Alberty - dead Citizenship Cher Freedm  
 Mother Rose " - living Citizenship " "

Names of Children:

21. Watie Ross Year — Page — No. — Dist. — 4  
 4. Year Page No. Dist.  
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 10. Year Page No. Dist.  
 11. Year Page No. Dist.  
 12. Year Page No. Dist.

Application made by

Stenographer

No. 1  
 1 On 1880 roll as Martha Alberty  
 1 K<sup>nd</sup> C. roll, Page 31 # 782 Martha Ross - Co  
 2 Aff. of birth required



CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 777

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Water Ross*  
as a citizen of  
CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved, *October 19* 190*4*

  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Water Ross, born on the 2 day of April, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Robert Ross, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
Name of Mother: Martha Ross, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
Post-office, Cherokee, Ia

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Martha Ross, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by Ind Adop, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Robert Ross, who is a citizen, by  
Ind Adop, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 2 day of Apr, 1897; that said child has been  
named Water Ross, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Martha Ross

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of June, 1901.

John S. Nix  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Martha Chauleau, Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Martha Ross, wife of Robert Ross,  
on the 2 day of Apr, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Water Ross.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Robert Ross  
Madison

Martha Chauleau  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of June, 1901.

John S. Nix  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Watie Ross

as a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation

Approved 190



Commissioner.

Leader Print, Vinita, I. T.

Application made  
May 10-1901

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Watie Ross, born on the 25 day of April, 1897  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Robert Ross, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Martha Ross, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Chateau Ind, Ind.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Western District.

I, Martha Ross, on oath state that I am 26  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Robert Ross, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Creek Nation; that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 25 day of April, 1897 that said child has been  
named Watie Ross, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1904

J. P. Blodau  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Western District.

I, Martha Chotiau, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Martha Ross, wife of Robert Ross,  
on the 25 day of April, 1897 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Watie Ross.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1904

J. P. Blodau  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Wattie Ross

Q Is the Wattie Ross named in your report? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you identical with the Robert Ross named in this Power of Attorney? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Wattie Ross identical with the mother of Wattie Ross who is enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.

WITNESS EXCUSED.

Blanch Ashton upon oath states that an stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes has accurately recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is a correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Blanch Ashton*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February, 1905.

*[Signature]*

Notary Public.

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COMMISSION TO FIVE TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
AUXILIARY CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 20, 1905.

In the matter of the allotment of land to Watie Ross,  
Cherokee Freedman Card No. 777, Approved Roll No. 2335.

Robert Ross, Creek Freedman, father, being sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Robert Ross.  
Q How old are you? A 28.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Choteau, Indian Territory.  
Q Do you claim any rights in the Cherokee Nation? A None at all.  
I am a Creek Freedman.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Martha Ross.  
Q The name of your child? A Watie Ross.  
Q Is your wife living? A Yes sir.  
Q Your child living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are both living with you? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your object in appearing at the Land Office today?  
A To give testimony and designate lands for my son Watie Ross.  
Q What is the name of your wife's father? A James Alberty.  
Q The name of her mother? A Rose Alberty.  
Q State the reasons why your wife does not make personal appearance  
and selection for your child? A Sick in bed.  
Q How long has she been sick? A Since about the 10th of December.  
Q Under care of physician? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you a physicians certificate with you? A No sir.  
Q Is her condition such that she is unable to make personal appearance  
at the Land Office? A Yes sir.  
Q Who is attending her? A Dr. Wood D. Hill the physician at  
Choteau, Indian Territory is attending her.  
Q Are there any improvements on the land you wish to designate in  
allotment for your child? A Yes sir.  
Q You are the owner of the improvements are you? A Yes sir.  
Q The lands are suitable for an allotment? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you made any previous filing for him at either Vinita or  
Tahlequah? A No sir.  
Q Does the land lay west of the Grand River? A Yes sir.  
Q Prepared to select full allotment for him? A Yes sir, if it has  
not been filed on.  
Q Have you any authority from your wife to make this designation?  
A Yes sir.

Applicant offers Power of Attorney executed by Martha Ross  
dated December 19, 1904, appointing Robert Ross her attorney in  
fact for the purpose of selecting lands for her child Watie  
Ross.

Wattie Ross

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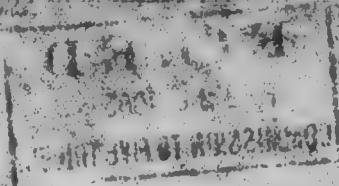
- Q Is the Wattie Ross named in this Power of Attorney identical with  
Wattie Ross your son? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you identical with the Robert Ross named in this Power of  
Attorney? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Martin Ross identical with the mother of Wattie Ross who is  
called as a Charles Ross? A Yes sir.

WITNESSES SUBSCRIBED.

Blanche Ashton upon oath states that as stenographer to the  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she accurately received  
the testimony in the above entitled cases and that the foregoing  
is a correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February, 1906.

*Blanche Ashton*  
Notary Public.



Nowata, Indian Territory, June 21st, 1901.

Mrs. Martha Ross,

Chouteau, Indian Territory.

Madam:—

When application was made for the enrollment of yourself and children, as Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation, the Commission was advised that your name was Martha Ross. We are now in receipt of a certificate as to the birth of your son Mattie Ross in which you sign your name, Mattie Ross. You are desired to advise the Commission under what name you desire to be listed for enrollment.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

In answering refer to  
Cherokee F. #777.

Cherokee Ferry

Cherokee, Indian Territory, November 20, 1902.

Martha Ross,

Choteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

When you applied to this Commission for the enrollment of yourself and your child, Watis Ross, as Cherokee Freedman, you were advised that before the application for the enrollment of this child would be complete, it would be necessary for you to supply the Commission with a properly executed affidavit as to the birth of said child.

Such affidavit has not yet been received by the Commission and you are now requested to forward same at the earliest possible date. Your name should appear in this affidavit as it appears upon the Commission's records, Martha Ross.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Cherokee 9-774

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 20, 1902.

Martha Ross,

Choteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of December 13, stating where and under what name you applied to this Commission for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Your application for enrollment has been duly identified, but you are again advised that the application for the enrollment of your child, Watie Ross, will not be complete until you have forwarded to the Commission a properly executed affidavit as to the birth of this child. The affidavit heretofore forwarded by you is not in correct form, for the reason that you signed your name therein as Mattie Ross, while your name appears upon the Commission's records as Martha Ross. Your name should appear in the corrected affidavit as Martha Ross.

You are requested to give this matter your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.



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Sherokee Free Press  
p. 1 777.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 27, 1904.

Robert Ross,

Chouteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission has in receipt of birth affidavit executed on August 27, 1904, showing the birth of Owatis Ross on April 25, 1889, to Robert and Martha Ross.

In reply you are advised that the Commission's records show this child's given name to be "Watie", while the affidavit gives the name as "Owatis". The affidavit is returned herewith and you are requested to correct same in order that the name may correspond with that given in the evidence in this case. You are further requested to give this matter your immediate attention.

Respectfully, 4

SIGNED. *Tams Bixby.*  
Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 11, 1904.

Martha Ross,

Choteau, Indian Territory.

Dear madam:

The Commission is in receipt of corrected affidavit executed by you, showing the birth of Watie Ross on April 2, 1897, to Robert and Martha Ross.

The same being in due form will be filed with and made a part of the record in this case. You are advised that you will not be permitted to file for the said Watie Ross until his name shall have been placed upon a final schedule of Cherokee Freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) *Tamie Bixby*  
Chairman.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 10th 1901

In the matter of the application of Matilda Vann for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedman; she being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Matilda Vann.  
Q What is your age? A. 22.  
Q What is your best office address? A. Chouteau.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. One child.  
Q What is the name of the child? A. Julia M. Harris.  
Q How old is this child? A. 7.  
Q Are you married? A. No sir.  
Q What is your fathers name? A. William Vann.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mothers name? A. Sarah Vann.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 125, No. 5154, Tilda Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 423, No 822, Tilda Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q Is this child named Vann or Harris? A. Harris.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's child identified thereon as follows:  
Page 423, No. 629, Julia Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is this child alive and living with you at this time? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles,-

Matilda Vann applies for the enrollment of herself and one child, Julia May Harris, seven years of age; she is duly identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896; her name is found on said rolls as Tilda Vann, and she is duly identified as the applicant; the name of her child Julia Harris is identified on the census roll of 1896 as Julia Vann, but is identified as the child for whom this application is now made. They are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 10 th of May, 1901 at Vinita I. T.

*Chas von Weise*  
*M. D. Green*  
Commissioner.

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 10, 1901

Post Office

Chautauq, I.T.

District

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1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

14. Name of wife

Matilda Vann

Age

22

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

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Parents:

Father

Wm Vann - living

Citizenship

Mother

Sarah " - living

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2. Julia M. Harris

Year

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Application made by

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Stenographer

Chas von Meis

1 On 1890 roll as Giddy Vann

1 " 1896 " Page 423 18622 - Giddy Vann - 600

2 " 1896 " as Julia Vann

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
INDIAN TERRITORY : SS.  
NORTHERN DISTRICT )

NO. 87

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE - GREETING:  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to solemnize the Rite and publish the  
Banns of Matrimony between Mr. Wiley McGinder, of Choteau, in the  
Indian Territory, aged 26 years, and Miss Tildy Vann, of Choteau,  
in the Indian Territory, aged 22 years, according to law, and do  
you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein  
named.

Witness my hand and official seal at Wagoner, Indian Ter-  
ritory, this 29 day of July, A.D. 1901.

Chas. A. Davidson,  
Clerk of the U.S. Court.

By R. C. Hunter, Deputy.

#### CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
INDIAN TERRITORY : SS.  
NORTHERN DISTRICT )

I, Joseph Ross, a Minister of the Gospel, do hereby cer-  
tify, that on the 2nd day of August, A.D. 1901, I did duly and ac-  
cording to law as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize  
the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties  
therein named.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of August, A.D. 1901.

Joseph Ross,  
A Minister of the Gospel

#### CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
INDIAN TERRITORY : SS.  
NORTHERN DISTRICT )

I, Charles A. Davidson, Clerk of the U. S. Court in the  
Northern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the  
instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the  
11 day of October, 1901, and duly recorded in Book L, Marriage  
Record, Page 278.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court at Wagoner, in said  
Territory this 11 day of October, A.D. 1901.

Chas/A. Davidson, Clerk.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Tahlequah, I.T. August 4, 1903.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above and fore-  
going is a true and correct copy of the original offered in evidence  
in the matter of the application for enrollment of Tildy McGinder  
as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

*H. Cook*  
Clerk in Charge  
Cherokee Land Office.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of August, 1903.

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*John Ross*  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 10th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jonas Ragsdale for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Jonas Ragsdale.  
Q What is your age? A. 36.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a freedman of any other nation? A. No sir.  
Q Who do you desire to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My children is all of age.  
Q Are you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you apply for your wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A. Annie.  
Q How old is she? A. 47.  
Q When were you married to her? A. I don't remember just when.  
Q Were you married to her before the 1880 roll was made? A. Yes sir it has been some 26 or 27 years ago, when I was married to her.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 185, No. 2433, Jonah Ragsdale, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 185, No. 2434, Anna Ragsdale, " "

- Q How does your wife sign her name? A. Annie.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 417, No. 475, Jonas Ragsdale, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 417 No. 476, Aarkey Ragsdale, " "

- Q How long have you and your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation—ever since 1880? A. Yes sir been here all the time.  
Q Living here now are you? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles—Jonas Ragsdale applies for the enrollment of ~~him~~ himself and his wife Annie; his name is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Jonah Ragsdale and on the census roll of 1896 as Jonas Ragsdale, and is duly identified as the applicant. The name of his wife appears on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Anna Ragsdale and on the census roll of 1896 as Aarkey Ragsdale and she is duly identified as the applicant; they are both identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Waise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 10th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*Chas von Waise*  
*M D Green*  
*Commissioner*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 14, 1944

Post Office Urbana, Ill.

District Delaware

1. Name Jonas Ragsdale Age 60

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 165 No. 2433 District 600

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Annie Ragsdale Age 47

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 165 No. 2434 District 600

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

No. 1  
1 On 1880 roll as Jonah Ragsdale  
1 " 1896 " Page 417 # 475 - 600  
2 " 1880 " as Annie Ragsdale  
2 " 1896 " Page 417 # 476 Asky Ragsdale 600

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 10th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Zebidee Downing for the enrollment of himself, his wife and three children; he being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Zebidee Downing.  
Q How old are you? A. About 46.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Ketchum  
Q In what district do you live? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My wife and three children.  
Q How old is she? A. 45.  
Q What are the names of these children? A. Emanuel  
Q How old? A. 17.  
Q Next? A. Maggie.  
Q How old? A. 15.  
Q Next? A. Lydia  
Q How old? A. 7.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 245, No. 697, Zebidee Downing, Delaware district  
Page 243, No. 698, Jennie Downing, Delaware district.

- Q Did you draw your strip money? A. Yes sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicants not identified thereon.

The Kerns Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 4, No. 74, Zebidee Downing, Delaware district.  
Page 4, No. 75, Jennie Downing, " "  
Page 4, No. 77, Mannie Downing, " "  
Page 4, No. 78, Maggie Downing, " "  
Page 4, No. 79, Liddle Downing, " "

- Q Are these three children all alive and living with you now? A. Yes sir  
Q Have you and your wife lived continuously in the Cherokee Nation ever since 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles,-- Zebidee Downing applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and three children; his name and that of his wife are found on the authenticated roll and the census roll of 1880 of 1880, but not on the census roll of 1896; they are found however, on the Kerns Clifton pay roll; the name of his oldest child Emanuel is found on the Kerns Clifton roll as Mannie, and is duly identified as one of the children for whom this application is made; the other two children, Maggie and Lydia are duly identified on the Kerns Clifton roll. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said Zebidee Downing, his wife Jennie, and their three children as named herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 10th of May, 1901, at Vinita, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*  
*Mad. Ence*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 14, 1911

Ketchum E. F.

Delaware

1. Name *Optidee Downing* Age *46*

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No. 697

District

Del

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife *Jennie Downing* Age *43*

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No. 698

District

Del

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|     |                       |      |             |      |          |     |           |       |             |           |
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| 3.  | <i>Manuel Downing</i> | Year | <i>1880</i> | Page | <i>4</i> | No. | <i>77</i> | Dist. | <i>Del.</i> | <i>17</i> |
| 4.  | <i>Maggie</i>         | Year | <i>"</i>    | Page | <i>4</i> | No. | <i>78</i> | Dist. | <i>"</i>    | <i>16</i> |
| 5.  | <i>Lizzie</i>         | Year | <i>"</i>    | Page | <i>4</i> | No. | <i>79</i> | Dist. | <i>"</i>    | <i>7</i>  |
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Application made by

1880 No. 1

Stenographer

Chas. von Meise

*Optidee*  
 1 On C.B. roll P. 4 #44 - Del  
 2 " " " " P. 4 #75 - Del  
 3 " " " " as *Mannie Downing*  
 5 " " " " *Lizzie* " "



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 10th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Luvina Downing for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Luvina Downing.  
Q What is your age? A. 36.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Ketchum.  
Q In what district do you live in? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you want to have enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. One child.  
Q What is the name of the child? A. Dorothea.  
Q How old is she? A. 4 years old.  
Q Are you married? A. No sir.  
Q What is your fathers name? A. Zebidee.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mothers name? A. Jennie  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.

The authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 843, No. 696, Luvina Downing, Delaware district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Kerns Olifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 4, No. 81, Luvina Downing, Delaware district.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is this child Dorothea living now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe?  
A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other nation? A. No sir.

By Com'r Needles,-- Luvina Downing applies for the enrollment of herself, and one child, Dorothea Downing; she is duly identified on the authenticated roll of 1890 and the Kerns Olifton roll as the applicant; she avers that she has one child, Dorothea and she makes satisfactory proof of its birth. She is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and she and her child Dorothea will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 10th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

Chas von Weise  
M.D. Green  
Commissioner.

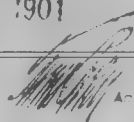
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 10, 1901  
 Post Office Cherokee D. T.  
 District Ketch

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Lurina Downing Age 28  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1870 Page 243 No. 699 District Del

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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| 3. <u>Dorothy Downing</u> | Year _____ | Page _____ | No. _____ | Dist. _____ | 4 |
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| 11. _____                 | Year _____ | Page _____ | No. _____ | Dist. _____ |   |
| 12. _____                 | Year _____ | Page _____ | No. _____ | Dist. _____ |   |

Application made by

Stenographer Chas. von Weise

1 On 1880 roll as Lurina Downing  
1 On 1880 roll Page 243 - Lurina Downing  
2 aff. required

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Dorothea Dainning*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved MAY 10 1901

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*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Horathea Downing, born on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1896  
(Here insert name of child.)

Name of Father: James Gilbert, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Lurvinia Downing, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Post-office, Ketchum Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Lurvinia Downing, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by

\_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1896; that said child has been  
named Horathea Downing, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Lurvinia Downing

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Jennie Downing, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lurvinia Downing wife of \_\_\_\_\_,  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1896; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Horathea Downing.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Elias Lyons

Samuel Landrum

Jennie Downing  
her  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. April, 10th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Walter Downing for the the enrollment of himself and his wife as Cherokee Freedman- He being sworn by Commissioner F. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Walter Downing.  
Q What is your age? A. 21.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Okemsa.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Sooweeesowee.  
Q Are you a ~~Cherokee~~ Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A. My wife.  
Q What is your wifes name? A. Rachel.  
Q How old is she? A. 21.  
Q What is her fathers name? A. Joe Lynch.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is her mothers name? A. Sophia.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Got any children? A. No sir.

The 1880/ authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows-  
Page 243, No. 701 A, Walter Downing, Delaware district.

- Q Is your wifes name on the roll of 1880? A. I dont know.  
Q Is her fathers name on the roll of 1880? A. I dont know.  
Q Is her father here? A. No sir he is at Vinita.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife not identified thereon.

- Q You dont know anything about your wifes citizenship? A. She was born here.  
Q Is her mother here? A. Her mother is at home.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.

The 1898 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's not found thereon.

The Kerns Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 4, No. 76, Walter Downing, Delaware district.

The Kerns Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife not found thereon.

- Q Have you a certificate of your marriage? A. Yes sir it is at home.  
Q When were you married? A. Last November, the 20th of November.  
Q Who married you? A. Preacher Roe.  
Q He gave you a certificate did he? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles, Walter Downing applies for the enrollment of himself and his wife. He is duly identified on the ~~enrolled~~ 1880 authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerns Clifton roll. He avers that his wife Rachel is the child of Joe and Sophia Lynch her name is not found on the authenticated roll of 1880 or on any of the rolls in the possession of the ~~Cherokee~~ Cherokee Nation Commission at this time. The applicant avers that he was married to the said Rachel but presents no certificate or proof of his marriage. He is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to ~~his~~ residence and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The name of his wife Rachel will be placed on a doubtful card to await the further consideration of the Commission. It will be necessary for him to file with

the commission proof of his marriage to his wife.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 12th of May, 1901, at Vinita, I. T.

*Andersen*

*M. P.*  
Commissioner.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 10, 1901

Post Office

Chelsea St.

District

600

1. Name

Walter Downing

Age

21

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

7012

District

Del

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Rachel Downing

Age

21

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Mrs. I

Stenographer

Chas. von Weiss

100/16, roll page 4 #76 - Del

X/Ref.



Cher Fr 783

Cher Fr 183

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 15th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Henry Downing for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Henry Downing.  
Q How old are you? A. 85.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Ocala.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Seewasawee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you desire to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.  
Q What is your father's name? A. Sebidoo Downing.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Jennie.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q You don't apply for your wife? A. No sir.  
Q Is she a non-citizen? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified there of as follows:  
Page 243, No. 700, Henry Downing, Delaware district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Kerna Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

- Q Where were you married? A. In Vinita.  
Q Is your wife a State woman? A. Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A. Two years ago.

By Com'r Needles,-

Henry Downing applies for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; he is duly identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the authenticated roll known as the Kerna-Clifton roll, and he makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 15th of May, 1901, at Vinita, I. T.

*md green*  
*Not Commissioner*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 10, 1901

Post Office

Batale St.

District

600

1. Name

Henry Downing

Age

25

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1870

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No.

707

District

Del

Parents:

Father

Lebedee Downing Lewis

Citizenship

Mother

Jennie

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Mr. 1

Stenographer

Chas. von Meier

Dr. K. L. Roll P. 4

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, March 8th, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Henry Downing  
for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee  
Freedman.

Cherokee F-783.

Henry Downing, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. State your name? A. Henry Downing.  
Q. How old are you? A. I am 26 years old. I will be  
27 in April.  
Q. What is your post office? A. Catalees.  
Q. Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. In Delaware district. Is that where you were living then?  
Q. I am living in Cooweesacoowee.  
Q. You lived in Delaware. Your parents lived there?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Where have you been living since 1880? A. Up to about  
three years back I lived here in Cooweesacoowee close to Chelsea.  
Q. Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Never had a home anywhere else? A. No, sir.  
Q. Are you married? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Is your wife a Freedman? A. No, sir.  
Q. State woman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Have you any children? A. No, sir.

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Jesse O. Carr on oath states that as stenographer to the  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above  
entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete  
transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <sup>9<sup>th</sup></sup> day of May, 1903.

*Jesse O. Carr.*  
*Samuel Foreman.*  
Notary Public.



Cher Fr 784

Cher Fr 784

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 10th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rosanna Hardrick for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; she being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Rosanna Hardrick.  
Q What is your age? A. 75.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Chelsea.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Coconawocowee.  
Q Be you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. I guess so.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 230 No. 577, Rose Okiam, Delaware district.

- ✓ Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation?  
A No sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Kerna Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 17 No. 411, Rose Okiam.

- Q Was your name ever Okiam? A. Yes sir that was my maiden name.

By Com'r Needles,-- Rosanna Hardrick applies for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman; she is duly identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerna-Clifton roll of 1888 as Rose Okiam, her maiden name; she makes satisfactory proof as to her residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 13th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

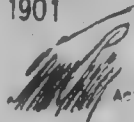
*M. D. Green*

*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 10, 1901  
 Post Office Chilga 29.  
 District 000

1. Name ..... Age .....  
 Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
 Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother Rosanna Hardrick ..... Citizenship .....

Name of wife Rosa Hardrick ..... Age 75 .....

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year 1870 Page 230 No. 377 District Del.

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

Names of Children:

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Application made by Ms. 1 Stenographer Chas. von Weise

1 On 1870 roll as Rose Chism  
1 " K. B. roll P. 17 #411 Rose Chism

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Roranna Hardwick

a citizen of the

Sehewee Nation.

Approved April 15 1903

C. R. Hutchinson  
Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

PAID

APR 15 1903

CHAIRMAN



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Rosanna Hardrick  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Cherokee, Ind. Ter., and died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
Nov, 1902  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Western District.

I, Mose Hardrick, on oath state that I am 73  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my post office address is Cherokee Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
was the husband of Rosanna Hardrick,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Rosanna Hardrick died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
Nov, 1902  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MAKE:

J. T. Berry  
Edward L. F. Smith  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1903  
John Ross  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Western District.

I, Mahzie Barber, on oath state that I am 34  
years of age, and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my post office address is Ramona Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
that I was personally acquainted with Rosanna Hardrick  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Rosanna Hardrick died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
Nov, 1902  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MAKE:

J. T. Berry  
Edward L. F. Smith  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1903  
John Ross  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Ia. V. Ind., April 20, 1901

In the matter of the application of Alexander Powell for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn by Commissioner J. E. Needles, 1901, as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Alexander Powell.  
Q How old are you? A. I don't know exactly, under 40 or 45.  
Q What is your present address? A. Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.  
Q Not married? A. No sir.  
Q Never have been married? A. No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 301, No. 2023, Alex Powell, Belwaters District.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 100, No. 2593, Alex Powell, Cooweescoowee District.

Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe? A. No sir.  
Q Never drew any money from the Creeks or Choctaws? A. No sir.

Com'r Needles, - Alexander Powell applies for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; he is duly identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerns-Clifton roll and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. van Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas. van Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 13th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

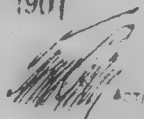
*W. J. McLean*

*W. J. McLean*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 10, 1901Post Office Batata 39.District 6001. Name Alexander Powell Age 38

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1870 Page 301 No. 2189 District Del

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Ms. 1Stenographer Chas. von Weise

On 1870 roll as Alex Powell  
" 1880 " Page 100 # 2109 Alex Powell-Lord



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winnipeg, N. D., May 10, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ida Martin for the enrollment of herself and four children as Cherokee Freedmen, she being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. S. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Ida Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 33.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A I don't know.  
Q Do you know where your nearest postoffice is? A I don't know.  
Q Where do you live? A In Delaware District.  
Q Do you live near Spavinaw? A No sir, on Fryor's track.  
Q You don't know where the nearest postoffice is to your house? A Chelsea, is the postoffice.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My children.  
Q How many children? A Four.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Mike Martin.  
Q What is your father's name? A Joe Adams.  
Q Is he living? A No sir, he is dead.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Cora Adams.  
Q Is she living? A She is dead.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1889? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other Nation? A No sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Luvenia Martin.  
Q How old is Luvenia? A Ten years old.  
Q The name of the next one? A Henrietta Martin, seven.  
Q The next one? A Ray Martin.  
Q How old is Ray? A Three years old.  
Q The next one? A Andrew, two years old.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 216, No. 47, Ida Adams, Delaware District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon.

The Kerna Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 22, No. 558, Ida Adams, Delaware District.

- Q Did you draw stip money for these children? A Yes sir, for two of them.

The Kerna Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's two older children are found thereon as follows:

Page 118, No. 2946, Henrietta Martin, Delaware District.

Page 118, No. 2945, Lou Martin, Delaware District.

- Q These children living now? A Yes sir.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.

Ida Martin applies for the enrollment of herself and four children, Luvenia, Henrietta, Ray and Andrew, and she avers that she is married to one Mike Martin; she avers that she is the child of Joe and Cora Adams, and her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Ida Adams, and upon the Kerna Clifton Roll as Ida Adams. She is duly identified as the applicant. The names of her two children, Luvenia and Henrietta, are found upon the Kerna Clifton Pay Roll; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Ida Martin and her four children.

P. I. M.

Luvonia, Henrietta, Ray and Andrew, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. From the fact that her two children, Ray and Andrew, names do not appear upon any roll, it will be necessary for her to file with this Commission satisfactory proof of their birth.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 1901.

Commissioner.

M. D. Green  
Notary Public

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *May 10, 1901*

Post Office *Bulawa S.D.*

District *Delaware*

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother *Martin* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

12. Name of wife *Ida Adams* Age *22*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *2/6* No. *47* District *Del*

Parents:

Father *Jos. Adams - dead* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother *Bona " - dead* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|    |                       |                  |                |                 |                  |           |
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| 2  | <i>Loretta Martin</i> | Year <i>1880</i> | Page <i>22</i> | No. <i>2945</i> | Dist. <i>Del</i> | <i>10</i> |
| 3  | <i>Henrietta "</i>    | Year <i>"</i>    | Page <i>18</i> | No. <i>2946</i> | Dist. <i>"</i>   | <i>7</i>  |
| 4  | <i>Ray "</i>          | Year _____       | Page _____     | No. _____       | Dist. _____      | <i>3</i>  |
| 5  | <i>Andrew "</i>       | Year _____       | Page _____     | No. _____       | Dist. _____      | <i>1</i>  |
| 7  |                       | Year _____       | Page _____     | No. _____       | Dist. _____      |           |
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Application made by *M. I.*

Stenographer *Ed. Rothberger*

*1. Out 802 roll as Ida Adams*

*2. 1880. Page 22 \* 5-5-8 Ida Adams Del.*

*2 " " " as ~~Louis Adams~~ - Del.*

*Lou Martin*

*4 and 5 - affidavits of birth required*



*S. Freedman*

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Ray Martin*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*May 10<sup>th</sup>*

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Ray Martin (here insert name of child.) born on the 1 day of August, 1898  
Name of Father: Mike Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Ida Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Okelsee I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern District. }

I, Ida Martin, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Mike Martin, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 1st day of August, 1898 that said child has been  
named Ray Martin, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Geo Martin  
Mary Blouning

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern District. }

I, Ida Martin on oath state that ~~the~~ midwife  
who attended on Mrs. Ida Martin, wife of Mike Martin,  
~~is now~~ dead and ~~that there was born to her~~ no  
~~other witness present~~ that the said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Ida Martin

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Geo Martin  
Mary Blouning

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Andrew Martin*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*May 10<sup>th</sup>*

1901

*J. B. [Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Andrew Martin, born on the 3rd day of Sept, 1899  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Mike Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Ida Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Chelsea D. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Ida Martin, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Mike Martin, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 3rd day of Sept, 1899 that said child has been  
named Andrew Martin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Geo Martin  
Mary Downing

Ida Martin  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Ida Martin on oath state that ~~the~~ Midwife who  
attended on Mrs Ida Martin, wife of Mike Martin,  
is now dead and there; that there was born to her on no  
other witness present  
(male or female.)  
named

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Geo Martin  
Mary Downing

(Signed)

Ida Martin  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Bonnie Martin

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

February 12 1902

C. R. Beckwith

Commissioner



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Bennett Martin, born on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Mike Martin a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Ida Martin a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Cherokee St

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
North District.

I, Ida Martin, on oath state that I am 23<sup>rd</sup>  
years of age and a citizen, by Blood, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Mike Martin, who is a citizen, by  
Blood, of the Cherokee Nation; that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 11<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1902; that said child has been  
named Bennett Martin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Ida Martin  
L. M. Blackwell  
B. B. Wood

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

5<sup>th</sup> day of Feb1902David S. Elliott

NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
North District,

I, Mary Downing, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Ida Martin, wife of Mike Martin  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1902; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Bennett Martin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Mary Downing  
Emer Eane

B. B. Wood  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this

5<sup>th</sup> day of Feb1902David S. Elliott

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 10, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Aaron Martin for the enrollment of himself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Aaron Martin.  
Q How old are you, Aaron? A I guess about 62 or 68.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Chelsea.  
Q What district do you live in? A Coowascoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself?  
A I think there are three on the roll with their mother.  
Q Has their mother been here? A Their mother is dead.  
Q What are the names of the three children? A Frances Martin.  
Q How old is Frances? A 13.  
Q The next one? A Neely.  
Q How old is Neely? A About 9.  
Q The next one? A Phoebe.  
Q About how old is Phoebe? A About 7.  
Q What was the mother's name of these children? A Cora Adams.  
Q Her name was Cora Adams before she married you? A Yes sir.  
Q About how old would Cora be if she were alive?  
A I don't know, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880?  
A I don't know, sir; it ought to be.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon.

- Q Did you receive your money known as the Cherokee Strip money?  
A Yes sir.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 118, No. 2939, Aaron Martin, Delaware District.

- Q Aaron, were you a slave before the war? A Yes sir.  
Q Who did you belong to? A John Martin.  
Q Was he a Cherokee citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q By blood? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you go out of the Cherokee Nation during the war?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Where to? A To Kansas.  
Q When did you return from Kansas after the war? A In '66.  
Q Have you been living in the Cherokee Nation ever since 1866?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Your name is not found on the roll of 1880; do you know the reason why? A No sir.

- Q Did you ever apply to the Cherokee Council to have your name placed on the roll of 1860? A No sir, I didn't.  
 Q Have you any witnesses here? A Yes sir.  
 Q Who are they? A Cap Hicks and Andrew Frey.

- W. F. Hastings: Where did you come to when you come back?  
 A I come to Dr. Thompson's place over there to Grand River.  
 Q Are you a blacksmith? A No sir.  
 Q Another Martin is a blacksmith? A Yes sir.  
 Q Who was living down there at the Thompson place when you come back? A Why Mr. Jesse Cockrum was living at Johnson Thompson's place when I got back.  
 Q How long did you live at that place? A I stayed there until along sometime about Christmas, I reckon; I went down to Cap Hick's mother then.  
 Q About what time did you come to the Cherokee Nation after the war-- what time in '66? A It was sometime in the fall.  
 Q You have lived there ever since? A Yes sir.

Andrew Frey, being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, on the part of the applicant, testified as follows:

- Q Is your name Andrew Frey? A Yes sir.  
 Q How old are you? A 66.  
 Q What is your postoffice? A Vinita.  
 Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation?  
 A Yes sir.  
 Q Freedman? A Yes sir.  
 Q Do you know Aaron Martin? A Yes sir.  
 Q How long have you known him? A Why, I don't know, sir, just exactly how long, ever since we were boys.  
 Q Was he a slave? A Yes sir.  
 Q To whom did he belong? A He belonged to John Martin.  
 Q Do you know where Aaron Martin was in the year 1866?  
 A Yes sir.  
 Q Where? A He was over here across the river part of the year 1866.  
 Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
 Q Did he go out of the Cherokee Nation during the war?  
 A Yes sir.  
 Q Where did he go? A He went to Fort Scott and from Fort Scott to Barnett, all around in there. He didn't stay at one place long.  
 Q Did he return? A Yes sir.  
 Q In what year? A In '66.  
 Q Are you any relation to him? A No sir.  
 Q Was he married at that time? A Yes sir.  
 Q Was his family with him? A Yes sir.  
 Q Did his family return with him? A Yes sir.  
 Q Were you a slave? A Yes sir.  
 Q To whom did you belong? A I belonged to Mary Clark.  
 Q Were you in Kansas with Aaron Martin? A Yes sir.  
 Q Did you return with him? A Yes sir.  
 Q Have you known Aaron Martin well since that time? A Yes sir.  
 Q Has he lived in the Cherokee Nation since? A Yes sir.  
 W. F. Hastings: You say he come back with you? A Yes sir.  
 Q Who else come along? A There were lots of others, I don't recollect now who all came along; there was a big crowd of us.  
 Q Well, name some of the rest of them? A Peter Williams.  
 Q Anybody else? A Tobe Scrimsher, Jake Martin's family.

- Q. Anybody else? A. I don't know who else?  
Q. That is all you can remember? A. Yes sir.  
Q. What time in the year did he come back? A. He come back--  
we got back over to Dr. Thompson's place the 3rd of October, '66.  
Q. Any colored folks there when you got there? A. No one at all.  
Q. You are positive about that are you? A. Yes sir, no one at  
all there.  
Q. That was in October, '66? A. Yes sir.

L. B. Bell: Who got back there first, you or Judge Daniels'  
family? A. Me.

Filmore Hicks, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles,  
on part of the applicant, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Filmore Hicks.  
Q. What is your age? A. 53.  
Q. What is your postoffice address? A. Vinita now.  
Q. Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q. By blood? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Do you know the applicant, Aaron Martin? A. Yes sir.  
Q. How long have you known him? A. I have known him about nearly  
40 years I reckon; I knew him before the war.  
Q. Was he a slave? A. Yes sir, I suppose he was.  
Q. Who did he belong to? A. John Martin.  
Q. Do you know whether he went out of the Cherokee Nation during  
the war? A. Well, I suppose he was; he wasn't around in the  
neighborhood.  
Q. When did you first see Aaron Martin after the war? A. Late in  
the fall of '66.  
Q. Where at? A. At my mother's.  
Q. Have you known him since that? A. Known him ever since.  
Q. Has he always lived in the Cherokee Nation since that? A. Yes  
sir.  
Q. Did he have a family at that time? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Was his family with him? A. Yes sir, they were up at Dr.  
Thompson's place; he come to my mother's and wanted to rent  
some land.  
Q. He rented some land? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Did he farm that land in the fall of '66? A. No sir, in the  
fall of '67.

W. W. Hastings: Who farmed it in '76? A. Young Wolf, my  
mother's husband.

- Q. Did you ever have a renter after you had this fellow? A. No,  
we had some hired hand, not any renter.  
Q. How far did you live from the mouth of Cabin Creek? A. We just  
lived across the river; I reckon it isn't over three-quarters  
of a mile.  
Q. Opposite the mouth? A. Just below a little on the other side  
of the river.  
Q. Your mother had a farm there that year? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Are you positive this man held land there in the year '67?  
A. Yes sir.  
Q. Do you know what he cultivated? A. He put in corn.  
Q. About what size farm did your mother have that year?  
A. About 20 or 25 acres.  
Q. You were at home then with her? A. Yes sir.  
Q. What was your age then? A. 17 or 18.  
Q. Did your mother have any other help besides you? A. A boy  
older than I am and two younger than I am.



Q You never helped to cultivate the place that year?  
A Not much.

Commissioner of applicant: Did you draw money for Frances and Neely? A Yes sir.

The Kerns Clifton Roll, of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants two older children are identified thereon as follows:  
Page 23, No. 568, Frances Adams, Delaware District.  
Page 23, No. 569, Nealey Adams, Delaware District.

Q Are their names Adams or Martin? A Martin is their name.  
Q You didn't draw any money for Phoebe? A No sir, she was too young they said.  
Q These children all alive? and living with you at this time?  
A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife is found on page 216, No. 44, Cora Adams Delaware District.

Aaron Martin applies for the enrollment of himself and three children, Frances, Neely and Phoebe. His name is not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, but is found upon the Kerns Clifton Roll. By reason of the fact that his name is not found upon the rolls of 1880, and his citizenship is contested by the Cherokee Nation, his name will be placed upon a doubtful card. When the Commission arrives at a decision in his case, he will be notified by mail. He avers that that his children, Frances, Neely and Phoebe, are the children of Cora Adams, his wife, and the name of Cora Adams is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and Frances and Neely are identified on the Kerns Clifton Pay Roll. The name of Phoebe is not found upon any roll, having been born after the said rolls were compiled. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently, Frances, Neely and Phoebe Martin will be duly listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. Their names appear upon the Kerns Clifton Roll as Adams, but they are duly identified as the applicants. In order to complete the enrollment of Phoebe, it will be necessary for him to file with the Commission satisfactory proof of birth of said Phoebe.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

(signed) E. G. Rothenberger.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1901.

(Seal)

(signed) M. D. Green,  
Notary Public.

Habel W. Marshall, under oath, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, states that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original transcript of the testimony and proceedings had in this case.

Habel W. Marshall

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of March, 1902.

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John E. Lieber

Notary Public.

the testimony and proceedings had in this case.  
Being a true and correct copy of the original transcript of  
depositions to the State of Illinois, it is stated that the fore-  
named witness, under oath, as aforesaid, to the

subscribed and sworn to before me at St. Paul, Minn., Jan'y 1903.

Notary Public

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COMMISSION TO THE

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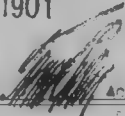
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 10, 1901  
 Post Office Chillicothe, Mo.  
 District 605

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|    |                |         |         |         |           |    |
|----|----------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----|
| 1  | Francis Martin | Year 18 | Page 23 | No. 568 | Dist. Del | 13 |
| 2  | Mealy "        | Year "  | Page 23 | No. 569 | Dist. "   | 9  |
| 3  | Phoebe "       | Year "  | Page "  | No. "   | Dist. "   | 7  |
| 6  |                | Year    | Page    | No.     | Dist.     |    |
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Application made by Dawn Martin (father) Stenographer E. G. Rothenberg

1. On K. C. roll as Francis Adams  
 2. " " " " Mealy "  
 3. aff. Required

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*C* CHEROKEE FREEDMAN 787

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*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Phoebe Martin*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE Nation.

Approved

MAY 10 1901

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*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Nation,  
of Phoebe Martin born on the 1 day of April, 1896  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Aaron Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lera Indictive, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Chilrea I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District. }

I, Phoebe Martin, on oath state that I am  
years of age and a citizen, by Cherokee, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Aaron Martin, who is a citizen, by  
of the Cherokee Nation, male child was  
born to me on the 1 day of April, 1896; that said child has been  
named Phoebe Martin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of April, 1900.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF Aaron Martin ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District. }

I, Aaron Martin, on oath state that I  
deceased Mrs. Cora Martin who was my wife  
on the 1 day of April, 1896 that there was born to her on  
said date a female child, that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Phoebe Martin and that the mother of  
said child is dead Aaron Martin  
WITNESSES TO MARK: mark

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of May, 1900.

My commission expires March 17, 1904.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Cherokee F-787.

Vinita, Indian Territory, March 24th, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

In the matter of the application of Francis Martin, et al, Cherokee F-787, I have the honor to request that this office be supplied with four copies of the original testimony in Freedman Doubtful case #835.

There is no testimony to be found in jacket F-787, and the testimony herein requested is for the purpose of supplying the record in F-787.

Respectfully,

Clerk in Charge.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 10, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Nathaniel Martin for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Nathaniel Martin, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Nathaniel Martin.  
Q How old are you? A About 24 years of age as well as I can guess.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Is your name upon the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 234, No. 1641, Delaware District.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant not identified thereon.  
Q Did you draw your strim money? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A My mother is named Jennie Vann.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q What is your father's name? A His name was Fobe Martin.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir, he is dead.  
The Kerns-Olifton roll examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 39, No. 738, Delaware district.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q All your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Live here now? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Nathaniel Martin applies for the enrollment of himself, ~~him~~ as a Cherokee Freedman. He is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerns-Olifton roll. He makes satisfactory proof as to his residence, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 11th of May, 1901.

*M. D. Green*  
*Nataniel Ruby*

Commissioner.



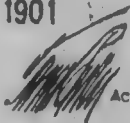
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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 10, 1901

Post Office

Viunta D. D.

District

Delaware

1. Name

Nathaniel Martin

Age

24

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

1641

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

John Martin - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Jennie Vann - dead

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Ms. 1

Stenographer

W. B. Jones

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
VICTORIA, I. T., MAY 10th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mintie Vann Barlow for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, said Barlow, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Mintie Vann. I am on the '80 roll.  
Q You just apply then for yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A Well, Mr., I can't tell you. I am an old settler.  
Q Well, about how old are you? A Well I tell you, I reckon, I hate to say, fear I might be wrong.  
Q Some as near to it as you can? A The last time my name was put down I was put down 54.  
Q When was that, four years ago, A It must have been.  
Q Well, you are about 58? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum, I. T.  
Q What district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life, belonged to the Vann.  
Q What Vann was it you belonged to? A I first sprang from old Abe Vann, and Beter Vann, Elizabeth Vann.  
Q Elizabeth was your last owner was she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Andrew Johnson.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I can't tell that, Mr., to tell the truth.  
Q Has he been dead 25 or 30 years? A He was dead long before the payment, before the last payment, before the payment down here at Braggs Station.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Lisa.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir, my mother is dead.  
Q Has she been dead very long? A She died at the time they was paying out the payment.  
Q How long have you been called Mintie Vann? A All my life, I never changed it, I married Mr. John Barlow but I never changed my name.  
Q You kept the name of Mintie Vann? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is John Barlow living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he living with you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Does he claim to be a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir; he is a Shawnee.  
Q Has he been enrolled? A He was here the other day. (Said to be enrolled)

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 332, #2794, Mintie Vann, Delaware District.

The 1895 Census Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant found thereon, page 627, #1, Mintie Barlow, Delaware District.

- Q Now, do you want to be enrolled as a Vann or Barlow?  
A They is got it there as Barlow I always went by the name of Vann.  
Q But you are married now to a man named Barlow? A Yes, sir.  
Q You had better be enrolled as a Barlow hadn't you? A Yes, sir, had both the names, Vann and Barlow.  
Q Give me your husband's full name? A John M. Barlow.  
Q He is a shawnee is not he? A Yes, sir; he is a full blood Shawnee.  
Q When were you and he married? A I thought it was on that? (Referring to paper.)  
Q How long since you and he were married? A 19 years or maybe 20.  
Q Have you got somebody here who knows that you and he were married and living together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir, Mr. Simon Lynch and Andy Frye, I can call lots of them.

Minnie Vann Barlow, --2.

ANDY FRYE, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give your full name? A Andy Frye.  
Q How old are you? A 60.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant here? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who is her husband? A Barlow.  
Q What is his full name? A I don't know what his full name is, but just always went by the name of Barlow.  
Q Does he pass for a Shawnee? A Yes, sir, he is a Shawnee.  
Q Do they call him John M. Barlow? A I never did hear his full name.  
Q What was her name before she was married? A She was Johnson.  
Q Well then before that? A Vann.  
Q She told you it was Vann? A I know she did, but I know she was married to Vann in the first place and her first husband was named Johnson.  
Q Her father was named Johnson? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her given name? A Minnie.  
Q How long have you known her? A I have known her ever since we was children.

BY L. B. BELL, Cherokee Representative:

Q Wasn't Barlow married to Lewis Roe's sister a while? A Yes, sir, she died.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Her change of name arising from marriage is established by her own and other satisfactory personal testimony. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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~~Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1901.~~

J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1901.

*J. P. Plavon*  
*M. D. Ennis*  
*Notary P*  
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 16 - 1981

Post Office

Hutchinson K.S.

District

Delaware

1. Name

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Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Minta Johnson Barlow 5-8

Owner's name

Elizabeth Barlow

Citizenship

Year

1888

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No.

2794

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Andrew Johnson d.

Citizenship

Mother

Elizabeth

d.

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

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Stenographer

J. C. Ross

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Washington, D. C., August 2, 1902.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS in the matter of the application of  
Minta V. Barlow for enrollment as a Freedman citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation. Cherokee Freedman straight card Field No. 789.

Statement by the Commission.

Upon examination of the 1898 census roll of citizens of  
the Cherokee Nation, it is found that the name of the applicant  
is ident Mcletheron, Page 627, 21, Delaware District, as  
Minta Barlow, adopted Freedman.

Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 12, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ida Bean for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Ida Bean, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Ida Bean now.  
Q How old are you? A About 55.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one else.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A John Bean.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No, sir, he is a claimant, he hasn't proved up.  
Q What was your father's name? A Nelson Martin.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Patsy Martin.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 265, No. 1612, Delaware district, as Ida Martin.  
The 1886 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant not identified thereon.  
The Kerns-Clifton roll examined and the applicant identified and identified thereon, page 15, No. 2551, Delaware district, as Ida Ross.  
Q What name did you enroll in when you enrolled to draw your money?  
A I enrolled as Ida Martin and when I went to draw my money they wouldn't let me have it as Martin, but made me enroll Ida Martin nee Ross.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living here now? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Ida Bean applies for the enrollment of herself. She avers that she is the daughter of Wilson and Patsy Martin, and that she is now married to one John Bean. She is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Ida Martin and upon the Kerns-Clifton pay-roll as Ida Ross. She is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof of residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 11th of May, 1901.

Bruce G. Jones

Notary Public

Commissioner.



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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 10, 1901  
 Post Office Unita St.  
 District Delaware

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Ida Bean Age 35-

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1890 Page 283 No. 1612 District Del

Parents:

Father Wilson Martin - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Patsy " - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Ms. 1 Stenographer Alb. Jones

1. Our Roll as Ida Martin  
 1. " " Page 93 #2331 - Ida Ross - Del.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 10th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Anderson Lynch for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Lynch being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. E. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Anderson Lynch.  
Q You apply for yourself and five children? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you got a wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to apply for her? A She applied for herself.  
Q Is she living with you? A I am staying on the farm on the river and she is staying in town.  
Q You had better apply for her? A Well, sir.  
Q How old are you? A About 64 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Here at Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A In Delaware.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I was born and raised here.  
Q Lived here all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you a slave in the Cherokee Nation before the war?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q And you were set free by the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q To whom did you belong? A Joe Lynch.  
Q Was he a recognized Cherokee citizen? A Yes, sir; never has been disputed.  
Q Well, where were you during the war? A I was up in Kansas.  
Q Are you on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir; ought to be, I guess it is there yet.  
Q You came back when, from Kansas after the war? A In '65.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A Rutha Lynch.  
Q Is she a Cherokee, a Freedman? A She is Cherokee.  
Q You think perhaps she is enrolled? A Yes, sir; I think she must be.  
Q Well, give me the names of your children, these five children you are talking about? A Johnnie.  
Q How old is John? A He is about 13 years old.  
Q Now, the next child? A Cynthia.  
Q How old is that child? A She is 12 years old.  
Q The next child? A Claude.  
Q How old is Claude? A I don't know exactly his age; I got it down in the bible.  
Q Is he a little younger than Cynthia? A Yes, sir.  
Q About ten years old? A Yes, sir.  
Q The next one to Claude? A Nickname is Cute.  
Q What is his name? A They always called him Cute and he has got another name.  
Q How old is Cute? A About seven.  
Q Now the next child? A He is about five.  
Q His name? A His name is Willis.  
Q He is about five is he? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 280, #1559, Anderson Lynch, Delaware District.

The 1898 Census Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 632, #52, Anderson Lynch, Delaware District.

- Q How old is your wife, Ruth? A She must be near about 40 years old I guess.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A He was a Downing.  
Q That is as far as you can remember? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he dead? A I think they called his name Johnson.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A She was Mrs. Clark, Mary Clark.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.

Anderson Lynch. --2.

- Q How many times has your wife been married before she married you?  
A Only once.  
Q To whom was she married then? A Alex Buffington.  
Q Was he dead when she married you? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did you and your wife marry? A I disremember when it was.  
Q Well as near as you can come? A It must have been about 15 years.  
Q And she was a Buffington at that time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your child, John, the oldest child, by this wife? A Yes, sir, that is the oldest one.  
Q Who is Willis Battles? A My wife's brother-in-law.  
Q Did you know when your wife's father died? A No, sir; I didn't know he was dead.  
Q I thought you told me he was dead? A No, sir, I ain't heard of him, I guess Mr. Bell knows him.  
Q Is he understood to have been a Cherokee or white man? A Cherokee.  
Q Your wife's mother is she a Cherokee? A Yes, sir, Cherokee.  
Q You say she is dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A I could not tell just exactly, must be over 15 years I guess.  
Q Was she a Downing at the time she died, or a Clark?? A No, Downing I believe last.  
Q She was a Downing then in 1880? A Must have been.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife found thereon, page 231, #381, Ruth Buffington, Delaware District.

The 1896 Census Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife and children identified thereon as follows:

- Page 632, #53, Ruth Lynch, Delaware District.  
Page 632, # 56, Johnie Lynch, Delaware District.  
Page 632, #57, Cuthia Lynch, Delaware District.  
Page 632, #58, Claud Lynch, Delaware District.  
Page 632, #59, Cate Lynch, Delaware District.  
Page 532, #60, Willis Lynch, Delaware District.

- Q Now, these children, are they all living now? A Yes, sir, they are all living.  
Q Who is there here knows that you and your wife are living together as husband and wife; have you got any neighbors here?  
A I guess there is all of them.  
Q Give me the name of one that knows? A Allen Lynch knows.

ALLEN LYNCH, being sworn and examined by Commissioner E. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give your name, please? A Allen Lynch.  
Q How old are you? A 61 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Well I have been here all the time.  
Q Do you know this applicant here, Anderson Lynch? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know his wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her name? A Well she was.  
Q What is her given name now? A Rutha Lynch.  
Q She has been married before she married this man, hasn't she?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of her former husband? A Alex Buffington.  
Q Did you know her father? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was his name? A Johnson Downing.  
Q And her mother? A Mary Clark.



Anderson Lynch.--3.

Q And this Ruth Buffington formerly the wife of Alex Buffington, is the same woman as this man's wife now? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know the children of this man and his wife, Ruth?

A Yes, sir.

Q What is the real name of that child they call Cute? (No response.)

Q Is it Rose? A Mary I.

Q I find in the former application for this child by the mother that the one just after Claude she calls Rose M.; what does that "M" stand for? A No, sir; I don't know.

ANDERSON LYNCH, the Applicant, re-called, further testified.

Q Now, Anderson Lynch, what does the "M" stand for? A I don't know.

Q Is it Mary? A It maybe.

Q Do you know anything about the child being called Rose?

A Well, her first given name was Rosa May and then she was always so cute they just commenced calling her cute, that was her nickname.

COM'R BROCKINRIDGE:--The Applicant began his application by applying for himself, his wife and five children. It is found that his wife had previously applied for herself, as shown in Cherokee Case D. #487, and in that case she also applied for the five children just spoken of; therefore this application is discontinued as regards all except the applicant himself. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

A copy of this testimony will be filed in case Cherokee D.#487, the same being the case of the applicant's wife, Ruth B. Lynch, and her children. She and the five children mentioned in the testimony are duly identified on the rolls; she being identified on the roll of 1880 and on that of 1896, and these five children being identified on the roll of 1896. The applicant's wife and these five children are identified as Cherokee Freedmen, she being so classed on both rolls referred to. These children are all said to be living now. A note will be made on card D. #487, calling attention to this testimony. It is claimed that the applicant's wife is a Cherokee by blood and, as indicated, her enrollments have been as a Cherokee Freedman.

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*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1901.

*M. L. Meen*

*Notary P.*

Commissioner.

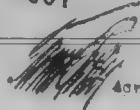
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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 10-1901

Post Office

Vinita E.T.

District

Del.

1. Name

Anderson Lynch

Age

64

Owner's name

J. W. Lynch

Citizenship

Cherokee

Year

1888

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No.

155-9

District

Del.

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

(1) Anderson Lynch

Stenographer

John O. Rosen

No. 1. on 1896 rec page 632. Vol 5:2.  
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Straight as to Nancy Lyons and children.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, T.T., May 10, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ned Lyons for the enrollment of himself, his wife and four children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Ned Lyons, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Ned Lyons.
- Q How old are you? A 31.
- Q What is your post office address? A Hayden.
- Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.
- Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No, sir.
- Q Did you ever draw any money from any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.
- Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife and family.
- Q How much family? A I have got four children.
- Q What is the name of your wife? A Nancy Landrum.
- Q How old is she? A She is 20 years old; no, 21.
- Q Give me the names of your children, please? A Delsie.
- Q How old is Delsie? A She is 10 years old.
- Q The next child? A James Elmer.
- Q How old is he? A He is 4 years old.
- Q The next child? A Mahaley.
- Q How old is Mahaley? A She is 3 years old.
- Q The next one? A Katie.
- Q How old is Katie? A She is a little over a year.
- Q What is your wife's father's name? A John Landrum.
- Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.
- Q Does your name appear upon the authenticated roll of 1880? A No, sir.
- Q Does the name of your wife? A Yes, sir.
- Q Does your name appear upon any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A It appears upon the Wallace and Clifton roll.
- The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Ned Lyons not identified thereon.
- The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Ned Lyons not identified thereon.
- The Kerna-Clifton roll examined and the applicant Ned Lyons identified thereon, page 116, No. 2878, no district given.
- The Wallace roll examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 180, No. 48, as Ned Lyons; residence, Cherokee Nation.
- The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Nancy Lyons identified thereon, page 151, No. 1680, Cooweescoowee district, as Nancy Landrum.
- Q Is Nancy Landrum the mother of these children? A She is of all but one, and the oldest one's mother is Maria Landrum, of the same family.
- Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.
- The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the name of Maria Landrum found thereon, page 151, No. 1687, Cooweescoowee district.
- Q Are John and Mary living, her father and mother? A Yes, sir.
- Q Were you married before 1896 to Nancy? A Yes, sir.
- The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:
- Nancy Lyons on page 408, No. 298, Cooweescoowee district, as Nancy Landrum.
- Delsie Lyons not on 1896 roll.
- The Kerna-Clifton roll examined, and the applicant, Delsie Lyons, identified thereon, page 6, No. 151, Cooweescoowee district as Delsie Lyons.



Nancy Lyons - 2.

Q How long has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All her days.

Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q Are these children living? A Yes, sir, all living I gave you in, I have got one dead.

By Edgar Smith, attorney for applicant: Who was your father?

A Jeff Ross.

Q Who was your mother? A Mahaley Daniels before she married him.

Q Who owned your father? A Lewis Ross.

Note: Applicant Ned Lyons testified further as to his own citizenship, as did witnesses Allen Lynch, Andy Fry, and Anderson Lynch, which testimony is omitted in this case as not affecting rights of wife and children.

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Commissioner: Ned Lyons applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife Nancy, and four children, Delsie, James E., Mahaley and Katie. He avers that he was married to one Mariah Landrum, now deceased, and that by said marriage he had one child, Delsie, and the name of Mariah Landrum is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and the name of Delsie is found upon the Kerns-Clifton roll. He avers that after the death of his wife Mariah he married one Nancy Landrum, his present wife, and her name as Nancy Landrum is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896, and she is duly identified thereby. Said Ned Lyons and his wife Nancy and his children as enumerated herein are fully identified and make satisfactory proof of residence, consequently Nancy Lyons, wife of the applicant, and their four children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of the three younger children, it will be necessary to file with the Commission satisfactory proof of their birth.

Said applicant Ned Lyons, will be listed as a Cherokee Freedmen upon a doubtful card, for the further consideration of the Commission. When the Commission arrives at a conclusion in his case, he will be notified of the same by mail. His name is found as stated upon the Kerns-Clifton pay-roll, as well as upon the Wallace roll, and he is duly identified thereby.

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*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th of May, 1901.

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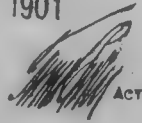
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 10, 1901  
 Post Office Rayden, S.C.  
 District Coos

1. Name ~~Robt Lyons~~ Age 3  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1876 Page 116 No. 2578 District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

17. Name of wife Nancy Lyons Age 21  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1870 Page 131 No. 1690 District Coos

Parents:  
 Father John Landrum - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Mary - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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| 2   | <u>Elsie Lyons</u> | Year <u>1876</u> | Page <u>6</u> | No. <u>187</u> | Dist. <u>Coos</u> | <u>10</u> |
| 3   | <u>James C. "</u>  | Year _____       | Page _____    | No. _____      | Dist. _____       | <u>4</u>  |
| 4   | <u>Mahala "</u>    | Year _____       | Page _____    | No. _____      | Dist. _____       | <u>3</u>  |
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Application made by Med Lyons

Stenographer B. Jones

Per Wallace roll, Page 161, 162

1. On 1870 roll as Nancy Landrum  
 2. 1896 " Page 409 No. 298 Nancy Landrum Coos  
 3. 1876 " as Elsie Lyons  
 3, 4 And Affidavits of birth required.

X M. A.  
Mellott & Smith attys for applicants.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN, 992

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

James E. Lyons  
as a citizen of  
CHEROKEE NATION.

Approved MAY 20 1901 190

[Signature]  
Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of James E. Lyons, born on the 4 day of July, 1896  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Ned Lyons, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Nancy Lyons, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Hayden, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Nancy Lyons, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by Fredman Gilson of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Ned Lyons, who is a citizen, by  
Fredman Gilson of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 4 day of July, 1896; that said child has been  
named James E. Lyons, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be two  
Witnesses.

W. D. Bell

Nancy Lyons

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of May, 1901.

My Commission Expires March 25, 1905

P. O. HAYDEN, I. T.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Betsy Wright, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Nancy Lyons, wife of Ned Lyons  
on the 4 day of July, 1896; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named James E. Lyons.

Seal

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be two  
Witnesses.

W. D. Bell

Betsy Wright

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of May, 1901.

Wm. Maddens Jr.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



*Cherokee* **CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.** 792

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

*Mahala* INFANT CHILD

*Henry Lewis*

as a citizen of

**CHEROKEE NATION.**

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

*Mahala*

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation,  
of *Mahala Lyons*, born on the *20* day of *Oct*, 1897  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Ned Lyons*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Nancy Lyons*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office, *Hayden IT*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, *Nancy Lyons*, on oath state that I am *21*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Common Law* of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Ned Lyons*, who is a citizen, by  
*Common Law* of the *Cherokee* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *20* day of *Oct*, 1897; that said child has been  
named *Mahala L. Lyons*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be two  
Witnesses.

*W. D. Bell*

*Nancy Lyons*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7* day of *May*, 1901.

My Commission Expires March 23, 1902

P. O. HAYDEN, I. T.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, *Elizabeth A. Matthews* midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Nancy Lyons*, wife of *Ned Lyons*  
on the *20* day of *Oct*, 1897, that there was born to her on  
said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named *Mahala L. Lyons*.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be two  
Witnesses.

*Seal*

*W. D. Bell*

*Elizabeth A. Matthews*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *7* day of *May*, 1901.

*W. D. Hayden Jr*

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN, 792

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Katie Lyons*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE NATION.

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

Katie

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Katie Lyons, born on the 20 day of Oct., 1899,  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Neil Lyons, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Nancy Lyons, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Hayden IT

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
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I, Nancy Lyons, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by Indian citizenship of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Neil Lyons, who is a citizen, by  
Indian citizenship of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 20 day of Oct., 1899; that said child has been  
named Katie Lyons, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of May, 1901.

My Comm. March 25, 1905

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Betsy Wright, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Nancy Lyons, wife of Neil Lyons  
on the 20 day of Oct., 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Katie Lyons.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of May, 1901.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wichita, Kan., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Robert Rider for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. F. Rotherberger, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Robert Rider.  
Q Why is it you want to enroll your yourself? A Just myself.  
Q How old are you? A About 37 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Okemuncie.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life, never been out.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, I suppose so.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Bill Rider.  
Q Is your father alive? A Yes sir, he is alive.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Edie Rider.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 162, No. 2345, Bob Rider, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 415, No. 434, Robert Rider, Cooweescoowee District.

The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May 1901.

*C. F. Rotherberger*  
Commissioner.

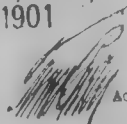
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 10-1901  
 Post Office Choultan G. I.  
 District Gov.

1. Name Robert Rider Age 27

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1888 Page 162 No. 2343 District Gov. Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:  
 Father Bill Rider (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Odie (a) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Robert Rider Stenographer Robert Rider  
Nov. 1 on 1888 recd as Rob. Rider  
1896 p. 415 No. 434 Robert Rider  
Gov. Dis.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, I. T., May 10, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ben Vann for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Sarah Vann, and his three children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Ben Vann.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll; anybody besides yourself? A Myself, my wife, and children.  
Q How many children? A Three.  
Q They are all under age, are they? A Yes sir.  
Q And none married? A No sir.  
Q How old are you? A Why I don't know my age; I guess I am right at forty.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been here since '68, directly after the war.  
Q Were you born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Then you were out a while during the war? A Yes sir, went South.  
Q Do you claim to have been in the Cherokee Nation all your life, except a while during the war? A Yes sir, never have been anywhere else.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Been admitted to the rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Bally Vann.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He died in '85.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Hannah Vann. She is dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She died in '85, the same year father did.  
Q Your father was a Cherokee Freedman, was he? A Yes sir.  
Q Was your mother a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q To whom did your mother belong? A Jim Vann.  
Q To whom did your father belong? A Jim Vann.  
Q They were both slaves in the Cherokee Nation before the war? A Yes sir.  
Q And at the time of the war? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 195, No. 3131, Ben Vann, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 423, No. 631, Ben Vann, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q Give me the name of your wife. A Sarah.  
Q How old is she? A She is thirty years old I think last March.  
Q When did you and she marry - about how long ago? A About twelve.  
Q What was her name when you married her? A Sarah Markham.  
Q Are you her first husband? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of her father? A Fred Markham.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir, he is dead.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He has been dead about six years, I guess.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother. A Juliet Markham; she is dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead, I reckon nearly four years.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.



The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife is found on page 142, No. 1947, Sarah Markham, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 423, No. 632, Sarah Vann, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q Give me the names of your children? A Lydia. ( Hands list to Com)  
 Q How old is that child? A I think she is eight years old.  
 Q Your daughter, Lydia, was nine years old last January, wasn't she? A Yes sir, she was born in '92.  
 Q And your next child is Laura? A Yes sir.  
 Q She was seven years old last January, is that right? A Yes sir.  
 Q And what is the name of the youngest child? A He is on the 1896 roll as Willie; she has changed his name.  
 Q Give me the name of the child. A James M. Vann.  
 Q He is five years old last January? A Yes sir.  
 Q These children all living now are they? A Yes sir, all living.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants' children are found thereon as follows:

Page 423, No. 633, Lydia Vann, Cooweescoowee District.

Page 423, No. 634, Laura Vann, Cooweescoowee District.

Page 423, No. 635, Willie Vann, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q You say that youngest child's name has been changed? A Yes sir, it is the same child.  
 Q You used to call it Willie? A Yes sir.  
 Q You want it put down as James M.? A Yes sir.  
 Q Who is there here knows that you and your wife have been living together as husband and wife? A Mr. Alberty.

Mose Alberty, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. E. Brackinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Mose Alberty.  
 Q How old are you? A I am 31; I am going on 31.  
 Q What is your postoffice? A Centralia, I. T., Cherokee Nation.  
 Q Do you know the applicant here, Ben Vann? A Yes sir.  
 Q Do you know his wife? A Yes sir, she is my cousin.  
 Q What was her name when she married him? A Sarah Markham.  
 Q And they are living together as husband and wife? A Yes sir.  
 Q How long have they been married as far as you can tell? A As far as I can tell they have been married about ten or twelve years, I suppose.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife, and three children. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, except a brief absence during the Civil War. He will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. Her change of name arising from marriage is established by satisfactory testimony, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Their three children named in the testimony, Lydia, Laura, and James M. Vann, are duly identified on the roll of 1896 as Cherokee Freedmen; they are living and they will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1901.

  
  
Commissioner.

VB. J. 794

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 10-1901

Post Office

Chattanooga T. L.

District

Coos.

1. Name

Ben Vann

Age 40

Owner's name

Jim Vann

Citizenship

Cherokee

Year

1880

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193- No. 3181

District

Coos

Parents:

Father

Billy Vann

d.

Citizenship

Col.

Mother

Sarah Vann

d.

Citizenship

Col.

2. Name of wife

Sarah Vann

Age

35

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

1947

District

Coos

Parents:

Father

Fred Marcum

d.

Citizenship

Col.

Mother

Julia

"

d.

Citizenship

Col.

Names of Children:

3.

Lydia Vann

Year

1896

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423

No.

633

Dist.

Coos

8 yrs.

4.

Laura "

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James M. "

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Application made by

Ben Vann

Stenographer

R. H. Thibault

No 1 on 1896 rec p. 423 No. 631 as Coos.  
 No 2. on 1880 rec as Sarah Markham  
 No 2 on 1896 p. 423 No. 632 - Coos - Dist.  
 No 5 on 1896 rec as Willie Vann.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., SEPTEMBER 26, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Charlotte Markham for the enrollment of herself and her niece, Alice Vann, as Cherokee Freedmen; said Markham being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Charlotte Markham.  
Q How old are you? A I am 31 years old 4th day of last August.  
Q What is your post office? A Wagoner.  
Q Do you live at Wagoner? A No, sir, I live above Wagoner.  
Q In the Creek Nation or Cherokee Nation? A Cherokee Nation.  
Q You don't know the name of the district? A No, sir, I really don't.  
Q Well, you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A I just wanted, I wanted you to see if my name is on the roll.  
Q Well, suppose it is on there? A Why, I wanted to enroll a girl, Alice Vann.  
Q Who is Alice Vann? A That's my niece, a girl I raised, Mr.  
Q How old is she? A She is 17 years old.  
Q Are you recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn Cherokee money? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Her name was Susan.  
Q Susan what? A Susan Vann.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Joe Vann.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A John Markham.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has he been enrolled by the Commission? A Yes, sir.  
Q Why didn't he apply for you when he applied for himself?  
A I don't know.  
Q What was your niece's mother's name? A Lizzie.  
Q Lizzie Vann? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q Her father's name Joe? A Yes, sir; my father is named Joe.  
Q Who is her father? A Alice's father is Ben Vann.  
Q Her mother is Lizzie Vann? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Ben Vann living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has he been enrolled, do you know? A I don't know whether he has or not, I think though he has.  
Q Was Lizzie Vann a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was that the name she always went by? A Yes, sir, my father's name.  
Q Lizzie Vann was your sister, was she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your husband is named John Markham? A Yes, sir.  
MR. DAVENPORT, Cherokee Representative:  
Q How old would your sister have been if she were living?  
A She would be 33 she is two years older than I.  
Q Would she have been in Joe Vannor Joe Duff's family?  
A Yes, sir, Duff that's my father's nickname.  
Q Were Lizzie Vann and Ben Vann married? A No, sir.  
COM'R NEEDLES: In your case there is no evidence as to you having any Cherokee rights? A My father was owned by old Dave Vann was his owners and Martha Vann was his Mistress, Joe l Mayes wife is my young Mistress.  
Q David Vann was your brother was he? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has Lizzie been dead? A About 12 years.  
Q Did you draw strip money for Alice Vann? A Her pappy drawed it and made away with it.  
Q You are a sister to Dave Vann? A Yes, sir.  
Q Lizzie is a sister to Dave Vann? A Yes, sir.



Charlotte Markham, et al.--2.

The Kern-Clifton Roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and name of applican 's niece found thereon, page 30, #754, Alice Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q Is Dave Vann living? A Yes, sir.  
Q He is not here to-day? A No, sir, he ain't here to-day.  
Q Now, in order to straighten you out and Alice out you ought to have Dave here; Dave would probably know more about it. Dave is on the roll, but as stated he is on the roll as an Intermarried man; if he was not a citizen neither you nor Lizzie would be citizens.  
Q Do you know whether your mother was a slave or not?  
A No, sir, I don't.  
Q Where were you born? A I was born up on Chouteau Creek.  
Q Is the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Alice Vann living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living with you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Her father has not enrolled her? (No response.)  
Q And her father has already listed for enrollment? (No response.)  
Q Has name was Ben? A Yes, sir.

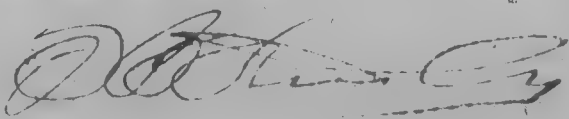
COM'R NEEDLES: Charlotte Markham applies for the enrollment of herself and her niece, Alice Vann. She is now married to one John Markham who is listed for enrollment on D. card #129. It appears that when the said John Markham applied for enrollment of himself he applied for the enrollment of his wife, Charlotte, but there is no evidence shown there as to Charlotte being a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. The evidence rather attempted to show that Charlotte was an Intermarried citizen. She now applies herself for enrollment. She avers that Alice Vann, her niece, is the daughter of Lizzie and Ben Vann. The mother of Alice to-wit: Lizzie, cannot be identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880. Ben Vann, her father, applied for the enrollment of himself and family, and was listed on straight card #794, but did not apply at that time for the enrollment of Alice Vann, whom it is averred is his child. It is averred that Lizzie Vann, the mother of said Alice, is now deceased, that she is an own sister to Charlotte Vann. It is averred that Lizzie and Charlotte are sisters of Dave Vann, and Dave Vann's name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as a citizen by intermarriage, and is enrolled on straight card #625. Alice Vann is identified upon the Kern-Clifton pay roll, and upon no other roll. Charlotte Vann, her aunt avers that Alice Vann is in her custody and that she has raised her. By reason of the fact that there is no evidence identifying Charlotte Markham, her name not appearing upon any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation, and that Alice Vann is not fully identified as the child of Lizzie and Ben Vann, Judgment as to the enrollment of said parties will be suspended; the said Charlotte Markham has been placed upon a doubtful card, No. 129. The testimony taken herein will be made part of the record in the application of John Markham on D. card #129, and a copy of this testimony will be filed in said case, and the said Alice Vann will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman upon a doubtful card awaiting further consideration of the proof as to her citizenship.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

J. O. Rosson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this October 3d, 1901.



Commissioner.

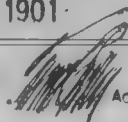
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Sept 26, 1901

Post Office

Wagoner, A.T.

District

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Alice Vann Age 17

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Parents:

Father Jos Ben Vann living Citizenship colored

Mother Lizzie Vann dead Citizenship "

Names of Children:

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Application made by the Aunt, Charlotte Markham Stenographer

John O. Rosson

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T., February 18, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Martha Gales to be enrolled  
as a Cherokee Freedman:

Appearances:

Lewis T. Brown, agent, Vinita, I. T., for applicant.  
James S. Davenport, Vinita, I.T., for Cherokee Nation.

Testimony on behalf of the Cherokee Nation.

Joseph Alberty, being sworn and examined, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jerry Alberty.  
Q What is your post office? A Wagoner.  
Q You live in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation?  
A I have lived in there all my life. Born here and raised here.  
Q Where were you living in 1866? A At Webbers Falls.  
Q How far is Webbers Falls from Fort Gibson, Indian Territory?  
A About 30 miles.  
Q How long did you live at Webbers Falls after 1866?  
A One summer.  
Q During the time that you lived at Webbers Falls where did you do  
your trading? A At Fort Gibson.  
Q When you moved away from there to what point did you go? A Down  
on the river about six miles from Wagoner.  
Q About how far was that from Fort Gibson? A That was about 22  
or 23 miles from Fort Gibson.  
Q Where did you do your trading after you moved down on the river?  
A At Fort Gibson.  
Q About how long did you live on the river near Fort Gibson?  
A About two years.  
Q Were you back and forth to and from Fort Gibson during that time?  
A Yes sir. I did all my trading and milling and everything else  
at Fort Gibson.  
Q During the time that you lived there did you have an acquaintance  
among the colored people at Fort Gibson? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you know a colored woman named Martha Gales? During the  
time you lived there on the river? A Not at that time.  
Q Have you since that time become acquainted with her? A Yes sir.  
Q Well you understand what years it was you lived on the river near  
Fort Gibson; about 15 or 20 miles from there?  
A It was '67 and '68 and a part of '69.  
Q Since that time have you become acquainted with a woman named  
Martha Gales and a man named Pomp Brown? A Yes sir.  
Q When did you first get acquainted with them, and where were they  
when you first saw them? A I never saw them at Fort Gibson  
but once.  
Q When was it you saw them at Fort Gibson?  
A It must have been in '72 or '73; sometime about the 70s.  
Q What were the circumstances under which you saw them that  
called your attention to them?  
A By the people there in the town. I made inquiry who they were.  
Q Were they living there? A No sir they just come in.



Q How do you know they just come in?

A They come in and got off the stage.

Q Was there anything special that caused you to notice them and inquire as to who they were; did anything come up with reference to traveling, or anything?

A Nothing more than that the people appeared to be glad to see them?

Q Well now after you saw them there in 1870 get off the stage, where did you next see them, and where were they?

A I don't remember. I know it was a good long while after that before I saw them again.

Q Who was it that you saw get off the stage? A Just the two.

Q Give their names? A Martha Brown and Pomp Brown.

Q You didn't see anyone else? A That's all the two I saw.

Q The same woman goes by the name of Martha Gales? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know her now as Martha Gales? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know where they came from; did you have a conversation with them? A Not in particular.

Q When you next saw them after the time you saw them get off the stage at Fort Gibson where were they?

A I saw Martha Gales at Fort Gibson the next time I saw her. That was the time of the census roll there.

Q The Clifton roll? A I guess so.

Q Did you know anything about where she had been living in the meantime? A I think she had been living about Brushy Mountain.

Q Where did you next see Pomp Brown? A I saw him so many times I can't tell you where the first place was.

Q Do you know where he was living? A At Vinita a while. I saw him at Vinita and I thought I saw him here in a barbershop.

Q Do you know where Martha or Pomp Brown had been?

A No sir.

Q That was the first time you ever saw them? A Yes sir.

Q You had been back and forth to Fort Gibson trading ever since 1866 up to the time you saw them get off the stage, and never saw either of them before? A No sir. That's the first time I ever saw them.

Examined by Lewis T. Brown:

Q Where did you say you lived during the year 1867, 68 and 69?

A I lived in 1867, 68 and part of 69 down here on the river, and then moved beyond the creek, down near Will Alberty's old place.

Q How far is that from Fort Gibson? A Twenty some odd miles.

Q About twenty how many? A Is it 25 or 23 or 24?

A It is called twenty five miles.

Q When you told Mr. Davenport it was 15 or 20 miles from Fort Gibson you were mistaken were you not? A Well I was just guessing at it just as I am doing now. I don't know yet how far it is.

Q When was it you say you saw them in Fort Gibson?

A I can't state the year exactly; sometime about the first of the 70s, 73 or 74.

Q You stated a while ago that it was 72 or 73 didn't you?

A It was somewhere along there. I think I was living beyond the creek at that time.

Q When was it you say you next saw Martha Gales?

A I saw her at the Clifton enrollment at Fort Gibson.

Q Well now where did she live from 72 or 73 when you claim you saw her at Fort Gibson until you saw her in 1896 at the Clifton court?

A I can't tell you.

Q What's your information? A They said at that time that she was living over about Brushy Mountain.

Q That's in the Cherokee Nation isn't it? A Yes sir.

Q Why do you remember seeing her so well, you say you do not remember who else got off the stage except them. What impressed that upon your mind that you should remember that for 30 years?

A Seeing them get off?

Q Yes sir. A I seen him get off and the reason why I know it, people were shaking hands with him and caused me to make inquiry you know.

Q Uncle Jerry did you ever see another man get off the stage in your life? A Oh yes lots of them.

Q Did you remember when they got off the stage?

A I remember some of them.

Q In 1872 and 1873, as you claim, there was no railroad going into Fort Gibson? A No sir.

Q Any one going from any point to Fort Gibson would necessarily have to come in there by wagon road? A Yes sir.

Q When was it you next saw Pomp Brown after 1872 or 1873?

A I can't tell you the next time I saw him, but I saw him in a barbershop.

Q Whereabouts? A In Muskogee or Vinita I don't know which.

Q What year was it? A I don't know. I don't know what year it was.

Q You remember when you first saw him? A Yes sir.

Q Then why is it you cannot remember when you next saw him?

A I didn't keep no record of it.

Q Did you keep a record of the first time? A I was keeping a record at that time.

Q For what purpose? A I kept it in my mind. It was right after the war at that time. After 1866 I kept time pretty well.

Q For what purpose were you keeping a record as to when Pomp Brown came to the Cherokee Nation? A I kept a record of how many years I stayed at the river place and at the old place, and after that time I never kept a record.

Q For what purpose were you keeping a record as to when Pomp Brown returned to the Cherokee Nation? A I never had any.

Didn't I tell you it was on account of people being glad to see him the reason I made inquiry?

Q The reason you remember it is that people were glad to see him?

A I says "Who is them folks"; and they says "Pomp Brown and his aunt", or some of his relations. Then Henry Scales made a remark about his trunk. He had a trunk he wanted somebody to haul, and Henry Scales made a remark about the trunk. He was trying to hire somebody to haul it to some house, and Henry Scales told him he says —

Brown: Don't repeat anything Henry Scales said:. The question is objected to. Comes now the applicant and objects to the witness being allowed to relate any conversation that Henry Scales might have had with Pomp Brown for the reason that it is hearsay evidence and for the further reason that Pomp Brown and Martha Gales are both dead, and neither can be here to affirm or deny witness' statement.

The Commission: The objection will be noted. The witness will be allowed to answer the question.

Mr. Davenport: You started to tell about a trunk, go ahead?  
A That's my reason why to know that.  
Q Tell what they said to each other. That's what you started to say.  
A Scales asked him "Why don't you carry your own trunk"? He said "I am not going to carry it as long as I got money". He said "Look here nigger before you been here six months you will take your trunk on your shoulder and pack it yourself". By that reason I got to making inquiries. You wanted to know why I made inquiry about him.

Examined by Lewis T. Brown:

Q You remember that conversation that took place 30 years ago?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Uncle Jerry how many years was it from the time you first saw Pomp Brown at Fort Gibson until you saw him again?  
A I can't tell you.  
Q About how long? A 4 or 5 years. Maybe longer.  
Q Where was he then? A In a barbershop, I can't tell you where it was.  
Q Where were you living then? A Here on the creek.  
Q You don't remember when you saw him? A I saw him the next time in a barbershop.  
Q If in 1872 or 1873 Pomp Brown had been going to Fort Gibson from either Vinita or Muskogee, wouldn't it have been necessary for him to have taken the stage in order to go there? A Of course.  
Q In order to go from any point in the Cherokee Nation wouldn't it have been necessary for him to have taken the stage to go there?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Mr. Alberty you know Mary Gregg a white woman who lived down near Webbers Falls? A No sir.  
Q Where were you living in 1866? A Near Webbers Falls.  
Q I will ask you if at that time a woman named Mary Gregg wasn't living there and is living there to-day?

Question objected to by attorney for the Cherokee Nation, and the objection sustained by the Commission.

Q Uncle Jerry did you know everybody that was in Fort Gibson in the fall of 1866. A No sir, never knowed all of them.  
Q There were a great many people there at that time that you didn't know? A Lots of them.  
Q Are you prepared to state that in the month of November, 1866, Pomp Brown was not in Fort Gibson? A No sir.  
Q Did you know Bill Brown during his lifetime? A Yes sir.  
Q He was there during that time? A I think he was, I wasn't acquainted with him at that time. I heard the name called a right smart, but I wasn't acquainted with him.

Examined by Mr. Davenport:

Q You don't know of your own knowledge where Bill Brown was until you got acquainted with him? A No sir. First time I saw him was right here.

By Lewis T. Brown: When was that? A Along in 1878 or 1879.

The Commission: This testimony will be made a part of the record in the following Cherokee Freedman cases: D 93, D94 D256.

Lewis T. Brown: In cases D-94 and 256 applicant objects to this testimony being thrown into it, for the reason that he has never been notified that this testimony would be taken on this day. And for the further reason that he has additional evidence which he intends to introduce, and has only been waiting until notice has been served upon him that the Cherokee Nation would present their testimony to produce it.

The Commission: It appears from the records of the Commission that the agent of the applicants Martha Gales and Susan Brown is also agent for the applicant Ella J. Hill whose name appears upon D 256, and that applicant is representing himself in case No. D-94; consequently the testimony will be filed in said cases.

Mr. C. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the above and foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

C. Bagwell.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this February 26, 1902.

T. B. Needles,  
Commissioner.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he made the foregoing and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original transcript.

*E. J. Rotherberg*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July, 1902.

*E. J. Rotherberg*

Notary Public.

Supl-C.F.D.#1069.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T., March 4, 1902.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY in the matter of the enrollment of  
ALICE VANN as a Cherokee freedman:

Appearances:

L. T. Brown, Vinita, I.T., Agent for applicant;  
Mr. Hastings, Cherokee Representative.

JIM RIDER, being duly sworn and examined, testified as  
follows on part of the Cherokee Nation:

MR. HASTINGS:

- Q What is your name? A Jim Rider.  
Q What is your age, Jim? A 57.  
Q Post office? A Chouteau.  
Q Do you know this applicant, Alice Vann? A Yes, sir.  
Q Her mother was named Lizzie? A Yes, sir.  
Q I want to know if you knew Ben Vann, her reputed father, one  
she claimed as her father? A Yes, sir, I knew him.  
Q How long did you know him? A I knew him about 39 years.  
Q How long have you known her mother, Lizzie? A I have known  
Lizzie about the same.  
Q I will ask you if Lizzie Vann and Ben Vann were ever married?  
A No, sir.  
Q Did they ever live together as husband and wife? A No, sir.  
Q Did he ever hold her out to the community as his wife?  
A No, sir.  
Q How far did you live from them? A About two miles.  
Q Then this is an illegitimate child of Lizzie Vann?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q How far did you live from them, say 20 years ago; this child is  
17 years old? A I lived about two miles and a half from her.

MR BROWN:

- Q Was Lizzie ever married? A No, sir.  
Q Do you know when this child was born? A No, sir.  
Q Do you know where it was born? A Yes, I know where it was  
born.  
Q Did you know the mother of Alice? A I have knowled her ever  
since she was a small, little girl.  
Q Did you know her at the beginning of the war? A No, sir.  
Q How many years did you tell Mr. Hastings now you knew her?  
A About 19 or 20 probably longer.  
Q You don't know who she belonged to at the beginning of the war?  
A No, sir.  
Q You don't know where she was in '66? A No, I have an idea  
that she was not born at that time, and then I have another idea  
she didn't belong to anybody.  
Q You have got a lot of ideas about it? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is Lizzie's brother's name? A She has got a brother  
lives right there by me by the name of Dave, a half brother.  
Q She has got another brother somewhere hasn't she? A I don't  
know, she has got a sister.  
Q What is her name? A Charlotte.  
Q Did you know the father of Dave Vann? A Yes, sir; I never  
knew the man that was said to be his father.  
Q What was his name? A Joe Vann.  
Q What was Dave's mother's name? A I don't know.



- Q Now, what was the name of the father of Lizzie? A Noe.  
Q And then Dave Vann and Lizzie Vann had the same father?  
A Yes, sir, but different mothers.  
Q Do you know to whom the father of Lizzie belonged at the beginning of the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was his name? A Dave Vann.  
Q Was he a Cherokee citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q By blood? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know where he was in 1866? A No, sir.

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I, J. O. Rosson, do hereby certify that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I ~~have~~ correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in this case on this day and, and further certify upon my official oath that the above and foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*  
*Stenographer*

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T., May 31, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Charlotte Markham for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee freedman.

Applicant appears by Lewis T. Brown; Cherokee Nation by Hastings and Davenport. Testimony in behalf of applicant.

Commission: The tribal rolls of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified on the Wallace Roll of Cherokee freedmen in Cooweescoowee District, No. 3251.

Jerry Butler, being sworn and examined, testified as follows:  
By Lewis T. Brown: State your name? A Jerry Butler.

Q What is your age? A 44.

Q What is your postoffice address? A Chouteau.

Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know the applicant, Charlotte Markham? A Yes sir.

Q Did you know her father? A Yes sir.

Q What was his name? A Joe Vann.

Q Did you know her mother? A Yes sir.

Q Was her father a slave or a citizen of the Cherokee Nation at the beginning of the war? A That is what they said.

J. S. Davenport: Do you know it yourself? A I don't know.

Lewis T. Brown: Did you know her father before the war? A No sir.

Q Did you know her mother before the war? A No sir.

Q When did you see her parents in the Cherokee Nation after the close of the war? A Right after the war, it was either in '67 or '68. I and Joe Vann, we called him Joe Duff, we worked together in the field; I was hired by a white man and so was he; we worked in the old Alberty field, it was known as the Bumgarner field, and I don't remember which one of those dates. I was a little boy and Charlotte here was a little bit of a baby, just a little thing. Shortly after that her mother died and he, Joe Vann, lived up in the bottom with these children; that little girl is now named Rachel Sheppard; she taken care of the children, she nursed them around there.

Q Did Charlotte Markham have a sister? A A sister named Lizzie.

Q Is she living or dead? A She is dead.

Q Did she ever have any children? A She has one.

Q What is its name? A Alice Vann.

Q Where was Alice Vann born? A She was born within a quarter of a mile of the old Bryant Salt Licks if I mistake not.

Q Have Charlotte Markham and Alice Vann had continued residence in the Cherokee Nation since '67 or '8? A Ever since I have known them they have lived there.

Q Have you known Alice Vann all her life? A Yes sir.

Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation all that time? A Yes sir, she never was out of that.

J. S. Davenport: When did you first know Alice Vann? A When she was a baby I knew her.

Q How long ago has that been? A That has been 16 or 17 years.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of June, 1902.

Notary Public.

Case of Charlotte Markham continued.

Johnson Vann, being sworn and examined, testified as follows:  
By Lewis T. Brown: State your name. A Johnson Vann.

Q What is your age? A 59.

Q What is your postoffice address? A Chouteau.

Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know Charlotte Markham? A Yes sir.

Q Did you know her father? A Yes sir.

Q To whom did her father belong at the close of the war? A To Dave Vann.

Q When did you see the father of Charlotte Markham in the Cherokee Nation for the first time after the close of the Civil war? A The first time I saw her father was in 1866.

J.S.Davenport: You say you took her father in 1866 -? A I said I seen her in 1866.

Q Where did you live in '66? A I didn't have no home in '66, I was rambling around through the country one place and then another, I stopped on the river and made a crop.

Q What river? A Grand River.

Q Whereabouts on Grand River did you stop and make a crop in '66? A Just above Dave Tadpole's.

Q In the Indian Territory? A In the Indian Territory.

Q Where from Fort Gibson? A Up above here.

Q How far from where Jerry Alberty lived? A About six miles.

Q In the same neighborhood practically? A Yes sir.

Q And made a crop in '66? A No, I knocked around, in '67 I made a crop up there; in '66 I didn't work anywhere.

Q Now in '66—? A You know I was here.

Q No, I don't, I wasn't born here? A You weren't?

Q Did you make a crop on Grand River in '66 or '67? A The next year after I come out here.

Q What year was that you made a crop on Grand River? A I don't remember the exact year; in '67 I made a crop up where Mr. Mayes was.

Q Did you live near him the first year or after that? A The first year I lived near Jerry.

Q That is where you saw Charlotte Markham's father? A Yes sir.

Q What was his name? A Joe Vann.

Q Now where was Joe Vann living, her father? A He wasn't living anywhere, he didn't have any place in the country then, he didn't have no stopping place.

Q Just floating and a drifting about? A Yes sir. He never had no home; he just built little places everything where he went.

Q In '66 where did he build a place? A He never built a place in '66.

Q Where did he live in '66 and at whose house? A I met him on the river in '66 and me and him camped on the river, and he went up in that bottom and built him a little place and lived there.

Q Near what place did he build this little place? A The old Harlan place in '66.

Q Who lived there then? A He lived there himself.

Q How far was this place from Chouteau in '66? A It must be three miles.

Q Where did Jerry Alberty live at that time? A He was, if I made no mistake, he was down below here somewhere.

Q When did Jerry Alberty come up in that neighborhood? A He come up in that neighborhood in '67.

Q Where was this man Charlotte Markham's father when he come up there? A I don't know just where he was living; that has been a long time; I couldn't just tell you where he was living.

Q Where was he living in '67? A He had a place out by Timbered Hill in '67.

Q How do you know? A I went there and looked at it.

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- Q Where did he live in '68? A He lived right down on what is called the Jack Campbell place, on the other side of the river.
- Q Where did he live in '69? A He still lived there.
- Q In '79 where did he live? A I don't know.
- Q What year was the Wallace Roll made? A He died before that.
- Q What year was the Wallace Roll made? A I don't know.
- Q What year was the Kern Clifton Roll made? A I don't know.
- Q Do you know what year this is? A I got to study first before I can tell you. This is 1902.
- Q Now when were you married? A I don't know that.
- Q Don't you remember the night you got married? A I remember the night, but I aint here to tell you about that.
- Q How is it you remember a year that was an important event of your life, and then tell us you remember of meeting a man in '66? A A marriage was a different thing.
- Q And the most sacred thing that ever occurred in a man's life?
- A My wife has been dead; I lacked four months in being married ten years.
- Q Were you married in '66? A I was married before '66.
- Q Were you married in '65? A I don't know that.
- Q What do you know? A I know when my first child was born.
- Q You say you saw Jerry Alberty up there where that fellow lived not until '67? A Yes.
- Q Was Joe Vann living there in '67 when Jerry was up there? A I don't know, it was none of my business, I have to attend to my affairs; I had a family to raise and I was looking after them. I will tell you one thing he lived right where I lived on the other side of the river for a while, the time they had him arrested.
- Q What year was it they had him arrested? A I don't know.
- Q You can't tell the year? A No sir, I can't read and write like you.
- Q How do you know it was '66 you met him on the river? A Because I know it was.
- Q Why can't you tell the year he was arrested as well as you can tell it was '66? A I can't tell you.
- Q It was more important for you to swear that he was here in '66 than you could tell when he was arrested? A Well I don't know.
- Q Wasn't it more important for this woman's case that you saw her father in the Cherokee Nation in '66 than it is for you to remember any other date in your life? A No sir, it isn't.
- Q Why do you assume and remember that year that you saw him and no others? A I saw him other years.
- Q What year was it after that? A I saw him every year.
- Q Tell me one of them? A '67.
- Q You are sure you saw him in '67? A Yes sir.
- Q Where was he then? A He was on the river with me.
- Q Living with you? A He was living on my place.
- Q You came down here when to testify in this case? A I never come at all.
- Q When did you find out that you were going to be called as a witness in this case? A I didn't know I was to be called in this case at all.
- Q You knew you were to be called some time to-day didn't you? A No sir.
- Q When did you first learn that they wanted you as a witness in this case? A She come here to-day, the first time I have seen her and she asked me did I know her father, when he come here and I told her I did.

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Q When was Charlotte born? Was she born after you met him up there in '66? A Yes sir.

Q Was he married at the time you met him up there in '66? A Yes sir.

Q Have his wife with him? A Yes sir.

Q How were they travelling when you met them? A He had a wagon.

Q Were they coming toward Fort Gibson or going from it? A Coming toward Fort Gibson; they were coming toward the river.

Q How old is Charlotte now? A I do not know; she is twenty some odd years old.

Q Don't you know that Charlotte was born before the close of the war? A No sir.

Q And you don't know that she was 37 years old last year when she made her application? A I tell you what I know.

Q That is what I want you to do; I will hurry with you; I want to know what you do know? A I will do that if I can.

Q Alright? Was Charlotte born before the close of the war? A She wasn't born, sir.

Q She wasn't born when you met them there in '66? A No sir, she wasn't born.

Q Then she has lied when she says she was? A Of course, that child couldn't tell when she was born.

Q Her parents could tell her? A Her mother died when she was a baby and her father died before she was grown.

Q What year did her father die? A About three years before the Wallace Court.

Q When was that? A I told you a while ago that I didn't know.

Q You don't know when it was then do you? A I don't know when it was because my wife died a year before the Wallace Roll.

Q Wasn't Charlotte very near a grown woman when her father died?

A She was nearly about grown, and her mother died when she was quite a child.

Q She was a grown woman and big enough to remember what her father told her? A I can tell you what I know.

Q You don't know how old Charlotte is do you? A No sir, not exactly.

Q You don't know when her father came back to the Cherokee Nation do you? A Yes, I do; he had a way that I know he came back here then.

Q And when you heard him you knew what year he came back in? A Yes sir.

Commission: It appears from the Wallace Roll of Cherokee freedmen that the applicant was when said roll was compiled 19 years of age. Applicant recalled and examined by Lewis T. Brown: Are you the

applicant in this case? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know your age? A Yes sir.

Q How old are you? A 32 years old this last August, will be 33 this coming August.

Q Your husband John Markham made your application? A Yessir, he made my age wrong, he had forgotten.

J.S.Davenport: You don't know anything about where you were born? A Yes sir.

Q You were present when you were born? A I heard my father say when I was born.

Q Then Johnson Vann was mistaken when he said you didn't know where you were born? A I suppose he was.

Lewis T. Brown: Where did your father say you were born? A He said I was born on Chouteau Creek in the Cherokee Nation.

Jerry Alberty recalled by the representative of the Cherokee Nation: W. W. Hastings: What is your age? A 67.

Q When did you come back to the Cherokee Nation after the war? A I come back in '65.

Q Where did you live in the year '66? A At Webbers Falls.

Q When did you move away from there? A Moved away in the winter of '66.

Q Where did you go? A Went down on this Gaylor place.



4- Charlotte Markham-

Q How far is that from Chouteau? A It must be about 16 miles.

Q Was that on the river? A Yes sir.

Q When was the first time you ever saw Joe Vann or Joe Duff after the war? A It was about '69 the first time I saw him.

Q How long did you stay on the old Will Alberty place down there? A I stayed there two years.

Lewis T. Brown: What direction is that place from Fort Gibson? A It is pretty near north.

Q How far is it from Fort Gibson? A About 16 miles.

W. W. Hastings: Is that up the river from Fort Gibson? A Yes sir, right up the river.

Lewis T. Brown: On what place was this man living when you first saw him? A He was living on Brushy.

Q Were you living up in that country in 1866? A No sir.

Q About how far from there were you living from them in that year? A At Webbers Falls.

Q About how far is that from the place where you first saw Joe Vann, the father of this applicant? A At Brushy.

Q How far was it from the place you first saw this man, Joe Vann? A It must have been 55 miles.

Q You don't know where this man Joe Vann was living in '66? A No sir.

Q You don't know when he returned to the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.

Q You are not willing to swear he did not return in 1866? A No sir.

Q You didn't know everybody within a radius of ten or fifteen miles did you? A No, sir.

W. W. Hastings: How far is the Will Alberty place where you moved in 1867 from Brushy? A It must be about 13, - 15 miles I guess.

Q Did you know Joe Vann before the war? A Yes sir.

Q Well acquainted with him? A Yes sir.

Q And you never saw him until '69? A About '69, after the war.

Q Were you at Fort Gibson during the year 1866? A Yes sir, I was there pretty often.

Q And you never saw Joe Vann until '69? A No sir.

Lewis T. Brown: How do you fix that date, Uncle Jerry, when you first saw Joe Vann in '69? A That is about the time; I don't

know what time of the year, it was in that year.

Q How do you fix the year, how do you know it wasn't '68 or '67? A It wasn't '67.

Q How do you know it wasn't? A Because I never went up there much that time, for I moved from Webbers Falls the latter part of '66, it must have been about January.

Q What place did you live before you moved to the Will Alberty place? A At Webbers Falls.

Q I will ask you that if in the matter of the application of Lewis T. Brown you didn't make this statement in answer to the question propounded by you: "Where did you say you lived in the years 1867-8-9", you didn't make this answer: "I lived in 1867, '68 and part of '69 down here on the river and then moved beyond the creek down near Will Alberty's old place". A I moved on the creek in the winter of '69.

Q In what ~~year~~ year did you move to the Will Alberty place? A I went there in '67, in the fall, about January.

Q Did you make that statement which I have read to you? I will read it again: "I lived in 1867, '68 and part of '69 down here on the river and then moved beyond the Creek down near Will Alberty's old place". A I couldn't tell you exactly, I may have done it.

Q If you made such a statement is that true or not? A I couldn't say whether it was true or not, I was just guessing at the time. I never had the time perfect.

Q What year was it that you were on the place that Joe Vann lived immediately after the war? A He wasn't living, he wasn't making his home, he was living on Brushy.

5-Charlotte Markham-

- Q What year was that he was living on Brushy? A In '69.  
Q How long had he been there? A I couldn't tell you, I just happened up there and saw the folks.  
Q That is the first time you had been up there yourself? A No, I was there several times at the old Salt Licks; that was the first time I saw him; they just lived wherever they could get a place to live.  
Q What I want to get at is this, where did you live immediately before you lived on the Will Alberty place? A I lived at Webbers Falls.  
Q That is fifty miles south of where you found Joe Vann in '69, is it not? A Yes, over fifty miles, I guess; they call it forty miles to Fort Gibson I think, and that is about fifteen miles above Fort Gibson.  
Q I will ask you that if in the matter of the application of Lewis T. Brown you didn't testify on the 18th day of February, 1902, "that in the year '67, '68 and part of '69 that you lived on the river near Fort Gibson? A I never did live only at Webbers Falls and Will Alberty's place and the place I am living now after the war.  
Q Did you make that statement? A I never that I know of.  
Q You lived fifteen or twenty miles below Fort Gibson? A No sir.  
Q You lived at Webbers Falls? A That is over fifteen miles from Fort Gibson.  
Q How far is it? A It must be thirty miles.  
Q Then you lived on the Will Alberty place in the year 1867, '8 and '69, is that correct? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you positive about that? A My family lived there, I was up making a place of my own; we made two crops there and they lived there until I made a place of my own.  
Q Where were you making a place of your own? A On Flat Rock.  
Q How far was that from Will Alberty's place? A About four miles.  
Q How far from where you first saw Joe Vann? A That is the same place as where I saw Joe Vann.  
Q I will ask you at the same time an same place if you didn't make this statement "I lived in '67, '68, '9 down here on the river and then moved beyond the creek down near Will Alberty's place? A No sir, I don't believe I made any such statement.  
J. S. Davenport: What do you call Flat Rock, a Creek or what? A It is a creek.  
Lewis T. Brown: Applicant's attorney requests that a copy of the evidence of Jeffry Alberty had in the matter of the application of Martha Gales to be enrolled as a Cherokee freedman, taken at Muskogee, I. T., on the 18th day of February, 1902, be filed with and made a part of the record in this case.  
W. W. Hastings: The representatives of the Cherokee Nation cheerfully consent.  
Commission: This testimony will also be filed with and made a part of the record in the case of Alice Mann, D-1069, represented by Lewis T. Brown.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of June, 1902.

Notary Public.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

To Ben Yarn,  
Chautauque, I.D.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at  
Muskogee in the Creek Nation, Indian  
Territory, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1905, to testify before said Commission  
in the matter of the application of Alice Yarn (57069)  
for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman  
Dated at Muskogee this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1905.

  
Commissioner.

No.

**SUBPOENA.**

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the

Application  
of Alice Vandy (A1069)  
for enrollment as a  
Cherokee freedman.

by then and there delivering a true copy of the same to said

Ben Vann

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

20<sup>th</sup> day of

January, 1905

at New York City, N.Y.

Wm. H. H. H. H.

Notary Public

I, John Markham, do solemnly swear that I am 41 years  
of age, and that on the 18 day of January, 1905, in the  
Nation, Indian Territory, I served the within Subpoena on the within named Ben Vann

I, John Markham do solemnly swear that 'I am 41 years  
of age, and that on the 18 day of January, 1905, in the Cherokee  
Nation, Indian Territory, I served the within Subpoena on the within named Ben Vann

by then and there delivering a true copy of the same to said

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

20<sup>th</sup> day of

Ben Vann  
John Markham  
January, 1905  
B. W. Leonard  
Notary Public

seem. expires July 12-1906

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# SUBPOENA.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the Application  
of Albee Vann (17069)  
for enrollment as a  
Cherokee Freedman.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, I. T., JANUARY 31, 1905.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS had in the matter of the application for the enrollment of ALICE VANN as a Cherokee Freedman.

It appears from the records of the Commission that on January 11, 1905, Charlotte Markham, the person who made application for the enrollment of the applicant, and the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation were notified by letter that they would be permitted to appear before the Commission at its offices in Muskogee, Indian Territory, and introduce testimony touching the points mentioned in said letter. It further appears that the applicant failed to appear in person or by attorney, but that the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation appeared and the following proceedings were had.

BEN VANN, being first duly sworn, testified as follows on behalf of the applicant:

BY THE COMMISSION;

- Q What is your name? A Ben Vann.  
Q How old are you? A 45 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Choteau.  
Q Do you know a colored girl by the name of Alice Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q About how old is she? A She is about 19 years old I think.  
Q Who is her mother? A Lizzie Vann.  
Q Is she living? A No sir she is dead.  
Q When did she die? A I expect she has been dead about 12 or 13 years, died when she was small.  
Q Do you know where Alice Vann was born? A Yes sir.  
Q Where? A She was born about six miles south of Choteau on Grand River.  
Q Who is the father of Alice Vann? A I am.  
Q Were you married to the mother of Alice Vann? A No sir.  
Q Did you live with her? A No sir I didn't live with her.  
Q Where did you know Lizzie Vann? A On Grand River.  
Q What is her father's name? A Joe Vann.  
Q Do you know what her mother's name is? A I don't remember her mother's name, I wasn't very well acquainted with her mother.  
Q How long did you know Lizzie Vann? A I have known her about 18 or 20 years.  
Q Had you known her for sometime prior to the birth of Alice?  
A Yes sir.  
Q What makes you think you are the father of Alice Vann? A Her mother said that I was.  
Q You say you never lived with her as husband and wife? A No sir.  
Q Where were you with her, did you see her at her father's home?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Who else was going with her at the same time? A I don't know of anybody particular.  
Q All you know about the child being your child is what the mother said? A Yes sir.  
Q And had an opportunity of being? A Yes sir.  
Q Did she afterwards marry somebody? A No sir she didn't.

Q Who does Alice Vann live with now? A She lives with John Markham, his wife is her aunt, her mother's sister, she is still with John.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

Q Did Lizzie have any other children except Alice? A She had one more, it died when it was a month or so old.

Q She had one more did she? Q Was it older or younger than Alice? A Younger.

Q Who did she claim was the father of that one? A Me.

Q You don't know whether you are the father of either of those children or not? A Well no man could swear exactly, she said it was and I never did deny it.

Q Did you recognize that child when it was born as your child?

A Yes sir.

Q Have you recognized it ever since? A Yes sir.

Q Did you apply to have it put on the Kern-Clifton roll in 1896?

A Yes sir.

Q Was it enrolled at that time? A Yes sir.

Q Was it enrolled as your child? A Yes sir.

Q Was it enrolled under your name? A Yes sir.

Q Her name was Vann also? A Yes sir.

Q Were you married at the time? A No sir.

Q Have you ever been married since? A Yes sir married now.

Q How long after the birth of Alice? A About I guess, about four years afterwards.

Q Were you married when that second child was born? A No sir.

Q Had she ever been married? A No sir, never had.

Q Never lived with any one and kept him out as her husband? A No sir.

Q What is your father's name? A Billy Vann, he died in '85.

BY THE COMMISSION:

Q Did you ever contribute to the support of this child? A Yes sir when its mother was living I always did.

Q You helped support the child during her life time? A Yes sir, I gave her money all the time while she was living.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

Q How old is Alice Vann now? A I think she will be 20 years old this coming April, if I am not mistaken.

Q Born in 1885? A Yes sir, born in 1885.

The name of the witness, Ben Vann, appears upon the final schedule of Cherokee Freedmen opposite No. 1940, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, January 16, 1903.

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George H. Lessley, being first duly sworn, states that as steno-grapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*George H. Lessley*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of February, 1905.

*Charles W. Sumner*  
Notary Public.

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COMMISSION TO FIVE TRIBES.

Cherokee Freedman  
D-1069.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.


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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Alice Vann, as a Cherokee Freedman.

O R D E R.

It is hereby ordered that copies of the testimony, taken at Muskogee, Indian Territory on February 18, 1902, in the matter of the application of Martha Gales, for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, Cherokee Freedman D-92, and also a copy of the testimony taken at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on May 31, 1902, in the matter of the application of Charlotte Markham, for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, Cherokee Freedman D-129, be filed with and made a part of the record in the case of Alice Vann, for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, Cherokee Freedman D-1069.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

February 7, 1905.

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Cherokee Freedmen  
D-1069.

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D-1069*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Alice Vann, as a Cherokee Freedman.

O R D E R.

It appears from the record in this case that on September 26, 1901, Charlotte Markham appeared before this Commission, at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of Alice Vann (17 years old), as a Cherokee Freedman, her name being listed upon Card, Cherokee Freedmen D-1069.

The evidence in this case shows that Alice Vann is the illegitimate child of Lizzie Vann, by one Ben Vann, who is identified upon the 1880 Authenticated Cherokee Roll, and whose name appears as No. 1940, upon a list prepared by this Commission of persons entitled to enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior January 16, 1903.

The applicant has resided continuously in the Cherokee Nation from the date of her birth up to and including September 1, 1902.

It is, therefore, ordered that the name of the applicant, ✓ Alice Vann, which appears on Card, Cherokee Freedmen D-1069, be transferred to Card, Cherokee Freedmen 794.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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Commissioner of the General Land Office  
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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

# **NOTICE.**

## **Cherokee - Freedmen - Enrollment.**

The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes will continue in session at

### **MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.,**

from April 1, 1902, until May 31, 1902, inclusive, for the purpose of hearing rebuttal and supplemental testimony with respect to the enrollment of Cherokee Freedmen.

Notice is hereby given to all Freedmen listed as doubtful claimants that after May 31, 1902, their cases will be considered as completed, and will be finally decided by the Commission and reported to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Native Cherokees, Freedmen, or Claimants by adoption who have not already appeared can apply for enrollment until July 1, 1902.

*Charlotte Mackerson*  
Mrs. Alice ~~Vann~~

Washington, D. C.

Greenville - S. C.

to 1891.

TAMS BIXBY,

T. B. NEEDLES,

C. R. BRECKINRIDGE,

Commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM DIXIE,  
THOMAS S. NEEDLES,  
C. E. BRACKENRIDGE,

WM. O. BEALL,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 11, 1905.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Cherokee Freedman  
D-1069.

~~Cherokee Freedman,~~

Vann, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of your application for the enrollment of Alice Vann as a Cherokee Freedman, you are advised that before the Commission can render a final decision in this case, it will be necessary that further testimony be introduced as to who was the father of the said Alice Vann, and as to whether or not he possessed any rights to enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

In this connection you are advised that the Commission particularly desires the testimony of Ben Vann, the reputed father of the applicant, Alice Vann.

You are, therefore, directed to appear before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, at nine o'clock A. M. on Tuesday, January 11, 1905, and introduce testimony as above suggested.

Respectfully,

Register.

Chairman.

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Cherokee Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 16, 1908.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith enclosed a copy of an order of the Commission, dated March 16, 1908, transferring the enrollment of Alice Vann from Cherokee Freedman enrollment card number D-1069 to Cherokee Freedman enrollment card number 794, together with the names, notations, and information to be made upon said Cherokee Freedman card number 794.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED). *Tame Bixby.*  
Chairman.

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Cherokee  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 23, 1907

B. J. Vann,

Tulsa, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of your letter of February 20, in which you state that a new hearing has been granted in the case of Alice Vann, and ask what further evidence is needed.

In reply you are advised the records of this office show that one Alice Vann, aged about twenty-three years, a daughter of Ben Vann and Lizzie Vann, deceased, has been duly enrolled as a Cherokee freedman, her name appearing opposite Number 3929 on a schedule of such citizens approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The records fail to show that any motion has been filed for a rehearing in this case.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
MISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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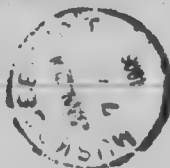
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Received from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes a copy of the testimony in the  
matter of the application of Alice Vann

for enrollment as a Friedman of the Cherokee Nation,

Cherokee No. 1069

Louis T. Brown  
Agent.



Department of the Interior.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

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Wagoner, Indian Territory

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 10, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Reuben Rogers for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Reuben Rogers.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll; just yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q How old are you? A About 37.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Chouteau.  
Q In what District do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q You are on the rolls, are you? A Yes sir.  
Q You have never applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Cephus Rogers.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir, he is living.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Annie Rider.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Hasn't her name Rogers now? A No sir.  
Q Has she and your father parted? A No sir, she is married to Rider; he is my stepfather.  
Q You said your father was alive? A I said my father was; she was staying with him; she is staying with my stepfather; my stepfather is named Jerry Rider.  
Q Is your father a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q And your mother, is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q To whom did your mother belong before the war? A Cornelius Wright.  
Q He was a Cherokee citizen, was he? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 168, No. 2504, Reuben Rogers, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 415, No. 431, Reubin Rogers, Cooweescoowee District.

The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1901.

*C. R. Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 10 - 1901

Post Office

Cor. of Chouteau St.

District

Cor.

1. Name

Arden Rogers

Age

23-

Owner's name

Cornelius Wright

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

2387

District

Cor.

Parents:

Father

Cephas Rogers

(a)

Citizenship

Mother

Anna Rider

(a)

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

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Application made by

Arden Rogers

Stenographer

Rothman

Wilson 1896 p-415-72. 431 as Arden Rogers Cor.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, E. T. May, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Niecey Martin for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn by Commissioner T. E. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q That is your name? Niecey Martin.  
Q That is your age? 1. 38.  
Q What is your post office address? A. 144th.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Owechee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. One child.  
Q What is the name of the child? A. Nancy.  
Q How old? A. 2 years.  
Q Married? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A. Arthur.  
Q Is he a citizen? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you apply for him? A. No sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A. Simon Lynch.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Nancy Lynch.  
Q Is she living? A. No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Niecesa Lynch, Saline dist.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised here? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is this child living with you now? A. Yes sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicants not found thereon.

The Kerns Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 18, No. 485, Niecesa Martin, Saline dist.  
Page 18 No. 486, Nancy Martin, Saline District.

By Com'r Needles:

Niecey Martin applies for the enrollment of herself and one child, Nancy Martin as Cherokee Freedmen; she avers that she is married to one Arthur Martin and that she is the child of Simon and Nancy Lynch, and she is duly identified on the roll of 1880 as Niecesa Lynch and on the Kerns Clifton roll as Niecesa Martin; the name of their child Nancy Martin is identified on the Kerns-Clifton roll; they are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 13th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*Chas von Weise*

*W. D. Green*

*Commissioner*



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 10, 1901

Post Office

Adair St.

District

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1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Nancy Martin

Age

28

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1888

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No.

657

District

Saline

Parents:

Father

Simon Lynch - living

Citizenship

Mother

Nancy

- dead

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2. Nancy Martin

Year

K.C. Page 19

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Saline

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Application made by

Ms. 1

Stenographer

Chas. von Weise

On 1888 roll as Nicisa Lynch  
 "K.C." Page 19 #485 - Nicisa Martin Saline

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
MUSKOGEE, IND. TERR. NOV. 26, 1903.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Nancy Martin et al. as Cherokee Indians.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT

An examination of the 1880 authenticated tribal roll of the  
Cherokee Nation shows that Nancy Martin is identified therein, at  
page 545, #657, Saline District, as Nancy Lynch.

It is ordered that copies of this statement be filed with  
and made a part of the record in this case.

  
Commissioner

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Cherokee 1-196  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I., 29th October 29, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Nidey Martin for the enrollment of herself and daughter, Nancy Martin as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY

Joshua Bean, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Joshua Bean.  
Q How old are you? A About 31.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Verdigris.  
Q Was your postoffice Vinita when you enrolled? A Yes.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes.  
Q Are you married? A Yes.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Nidey Martin.  
Q Is she a Cherokee freedman? A Yes.  
Q When were you married? A About the first part of September.  
Q This year? A Yes.  
Q Do you know the day? A No.  
Q Are you and she living together now? A Yes.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October, 1904.

William P. Sear  
Notary Public.





Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May, 10th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lucy Morgan for the enrollment of herself, and three children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles; testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Lucy Morgan.  
Q What is your age? A. 25.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Delaware.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a freedman of any other nation or tribe? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other nation? A. No sir.  
Q Who do you desire to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Three children.  
Q What are their names and ages? A. Oscar.  
Q How old? A. 10.  
Q Next child? A. Ella.  
Q How old? A. 7.  
Q Next child? A. Annie.  
Q How old? A. 3.  
Q Are you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your husbands name? A. Henry.  
Q Is he a citizen? A. Yes sir.  
Q Want to have him enrolled? A. No sir.  
Q Are you living with him? A. No sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A. Guss Buffington.  
Q What is your mothers name? A. Mary.  
Q Are they living? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Are these children living now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Were they all born in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon, as follows:  
Page 251, No. 405, Lucy Buffington, Delaware district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 654, No. 102, Lucy Morgan, Delaware district.  
Page 654, No. 103, Oscar Morgan, Delaware district.  
Page 654, No. 104, Ella Morgan, Delaware district.  
Page 654, No. 105, Annie Morgan, Delaware district.

By Com'r Needles, - Lucy Morgan applies for the enrollment of herself and three children; she avers that she is married to one Henry Morgan and that her fathers name was Guss Buffington and that her mothers name was Mary Buffington; she is identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name, Lucy Buffington, and on the 1896 census roll as Lucy Morgan, her present name. The names of her children, Oscar, Ella and Annie Morgan are all duly identified on the census roll of 1896; they are all identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said Lucy Morgan and her three children named herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 13th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

Chas. von Weise  
Not. Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 10, 1901

Vinita St.

Delaware

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

11. Name of wife Lucy Morgan Age 23

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1896 Page 231 No. 403 District Del

Parents:

Father Geo. Buffington - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother Mary " - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|     |              |           |          |         |           |    |
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| 2   | Oscar Morgan | Year 1896 | Page 634 | No. 103 | Dist. Del | 10 |
| 3   | Ella         | Year "    | Page 634 | No. 104 | Dist. "   | 7  |
| 4   | Annie        | Year "    | Page 634 | No. 105 | Dist. "   | 6  |
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Application made by

Stenographer

Mr. 1

Chas. von Weiser

On 1896 roll as Lucy Buffington

" 1896 " Page 634 No. 403 - Del

Cherokee freedman 797.

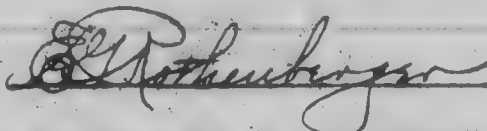
Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Tahlequah, I. T., May 20, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Lucy Morgan for the enrollment of herself and her children, Oscar, Ella and Annie Morgan as Cherokee freedmen.

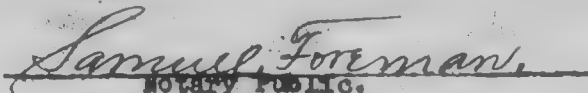
Lucy Bean, being duly sworn, and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lucy Bean.  
Q How old are you? A Twenty-eight.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Vinita.  
Q Did you ever apply to this Commission for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your name at the time you made application for enrollment? A Lucy Morgan.  
Q Have you a son named Oscar? A Yes sir.  
Q And a daughter named Ella, and Annie? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you been married since you applied for enrollment? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A July 7th.  
Q What year? A 1902.  
Q What is the name of your husband now? A John Bean.  
Q You and he living together now? A Yes sir.
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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, 1903.

  
Notary Public.





Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, L. T., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Benjamin Have for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner O. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Benjamin Have.  
Q Who is it you want to apply for? A Just myself.  
Q How old are you? A 37 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A Coowasecooee.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q You were born in the Cherokee Nation, were you? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you apply as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q On the rolls? A Yes sir, all but one.  
Q What roll is that? A 1896 roll, I was away then.  
Q Where were you then? A I went to my father-in-law's funeral in Kansas, when they were taking the census in Coowasecooee District, and when I got back they were through.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Charles Have.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A Going on two or three years. (died 1898-9)  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Elmira.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She died the time of the war.  
Q What do you say they call you besides Benjamin? A Rolin.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 796, No. 1515, Benjamin Have, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Kerns Clifton Roll examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 28, No. 699, Benjamin Have, Coowasecooee District.

The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns Clifton Roll as a Cherokee Freedman. He states that the reason he is not on the roll of 1896 is that he had left home to attend his father-in-law's funeral, and the census taker was at his home during his absence. He states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1901.

*O. R. Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 10, 1901  
 Post Office Winta, G. F.  
 District Gov.

1. Name Benjamin Nare Age 37

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 786 No. 15-16 District Tahlequah

Parents:

Father Charles Nare (d) Citizenship Col.

Mother Elmira (d) Citizenship Col.

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Benjamin Nare Stenographer C. H. Humberg



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Tulsa, I. T., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of John Bean for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner G. H. Blackbird, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A John Bean.  
Q Who do you want to enroll? Just yourself? A Yes sir.  
Q How old are you? A 33.  
Q What is your profession? A Weaver.  
Q In what district do you live? A Saline District.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Jacob Bean.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Mahala Bean.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir, she is dead.  
Q Are you on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q The Roll of 1896? A I suppose so.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 619, No. 163, John Bean, Saline District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is not identified thereon.

The Kerns Clifton Roll examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 19, No. 480, John Bean, Saline District.

Q Why is it you are not on the 1896 roll? A I don't know sir, why.

Q Have you been living in the Cherokee Nation continuously for the last six or seven years? A All my life; never lived anywhere else.

The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and the Kerns Clifton Roll as a Cherokee Freedman. He states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation continuously all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

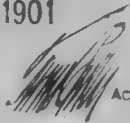
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 10-1901  
Spartanburg, S.C.  
Saline

1. Name

John Beaw

Age

25

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

163

District

Saline

Parents:

Father

Jacob Beaw

Citizenship

Col.

Mother

Mahala

Citizenship

Col.

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

John Beaw

Stenographer

C. A. H. H. H.



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WILLIAM TOLSON - R.

Brice O. Jones, being duly sworn, deposes and testifies that he is the owner of the property described in the foregoing and that the same is situated in the County of ... State of ...

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of May, 1961.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public for the State of ...

*[Signature]*  
Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of May, 1961.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 11, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Eliza Folsom for the enrollment of herself and one child.

Eliza Folsom, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Eliza Folsom.
- Q How old are you? A About 38 I believe.
- Q What is your post office address? A Vinita.
- Q What district do you live in? A I am living in Delaware district.
- Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Have you ever been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes, sir.
- Q Does your name appear upon the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.
- Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A My son, just one child.
- Q What is his name? A James Vann.
- Q How old is he? A He is 17, going on 18.
- Q Are you married? A No, sir, my husband is dead.
- Q What was your husband's name? A My husband's name was Henry Folsom.
- Q Were you ever married before you married Folsom? A Yes, sir.
- Q Who to? A Ben Vann.
- Q Is he living? A He is dead.
- Q Were you ever married before you married him? A No, sir.
- Q What was your father's name? A Lewis Rowe.
- Q Is he living? A No, sir.
- Q Is your mother living? A No, sir, she is dead.
- The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 305, No. 8115, Delaware district, as Eliza Rowe.
- Q How long have you been married to Folsom? A We were married 7 years ago but my name don't appear on the roll with him at all, we never were enrolled while we lived together.
- Q Were you enrolled by the name of Vann? A No, sir.
- The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant not identified thereon.
- Q Did you know what is known as the strip money? A Yes, sir.
- The Kerne-Clifton examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:
- Eliza Folsom on page 4, No. 91, Delaware district, as Eliza Rowe;
- James Vann on page 4, No. 89, Delaware district, as Jim Rowe.
- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.
- Q Is James Vann living at this time? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Eliza Folsom applies for the enrollment of herself and her son James Vann. She avers that she is the daughter of Lewis and Jennie Rowe, and her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Eliza Rowe. Her name is also identified on the Kerne-Clifton roll as Eliza Rowe. The name of her son James Vann is identified upon the Kerne-Clifton roll as Jim Rowe, having been enrolled by his grandfather. They are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof of residence, consequently Eliza Folsom and her child Jim Vann will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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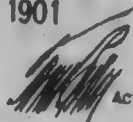
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 11, 1901Post Office Winita, Ok.District Delaware

Name ..... Age .....

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

1. Name of wife Eliza Folsom Age 38

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year 1888 Page 303 No. 2113 District Del

Parents:

Father Lewis Rowe - dead Citizenship Cherokee FreedmanMother Chancy - dead Citizenship " "

Names of Children:

2. James Vain Year 1886 Page 4 No. 89 Dist. Del 17

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Application made by Ms. 1Stenographer B. C. Jones

1 On 1888 roll as Eliza Rowe

1 " K.C. " Page 4 \*91 - Eliza Rowe - Del

2 " " " as Jim Rowe

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Eliza Fulson, et al., as Cherokee freedmen, consolidating the ap-  
plications of:

Eliza Fulson  
James Varn,

Cherokee Freedman D 1287  
Cherokee Freedman D 1290



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In the matter of the application of James F. Felt for admission as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
The following facts were stated and examined by the Commission:

What is your name? James Felt.  
What is your age? 31 years and 6 months.  
What is your post office address? Cherokee, I. T.  
Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation?  
Yes, Sir.  
For what do you desire to make application for enrollment?  
For the following named persons on the 1880 Cherokee roll, their families and descendants:

James Felt Delaware District.

Q. Are there any other persons for whom you desire to make application for enrollment?  
A. I desire to apply for the following named persons on the 1880 Cherokee roll, their families and their descendants:

F. O. Bagwell, on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission on the Five Civilized Tribes, he has fully recorded the testimony and proceedings in this above entitled case, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcription of his stenographic notes.

E. Bagwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this September 2, 1898.

B. C. Jones  
Notary Public.

Nov 2 1887

County of ... State of ...

In the matter of the application of ... for enrollment as a citizen of the ...

- Examined and sworn to before me this ... day of ... 1887.
- What is your name? A. ...  
What is your age? A. ...  
What is your place of birth? A. ...  
Are you a citizen by blood of the ... nation?  
For what do you desire to make application for enrollment?  
For the following named persons on the 1880 Census ...

Eliza ... District.

Are there any other persons ... on the 1880 Census ...

I, S. ...

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ... day of ... 1887.

E. ...  
B. C. Jones  
Notary Public.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN D 1138.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, JANUARY 6, 1905.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS had in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jesse Folsome, et al., as Cherokee Freedmen.

JAMES NEAL VANN being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

BY MR. BLEDSOE:

- Q What is your name? A. James Neal Vann  
Q How old are you? A. About 48.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A. Chouteau.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q Who is your mother? A. Jennie Vann.  
Q What is her name now? A. Jennie Boudinot.  
Q She is on the 1880 roll? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Jesse Folsome? A. Yes sir.  
Q What relation is he to you? A. Brother.  
Q Is Jennie Vann his mother? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you know where Jesse was born? A. Yes sir.  
Q Where? A. On Grand River  
Q In the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is Jesse's mother and your mother the same? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you know what children Jesse had? A. Yes I know, but I disremember their names, I know he has four children.  
Q Where is Jesse Folsome now? A. In the Muskogee jail.  
Q Has he always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.

BY THE COMMISSION:

- Q You say you are a brother of Jesse Folsome? A. Yes, sir.  
Q How old is he? A. He was born December 5, 1866.  
Q Where was he born? A. On Grand River  
Q Do you know what his children's names are? A. No, sir, I don't know. One is Charley.  
Q That is the oldest? A. Yes, sir, the girls names, I disremember their names, their mother lives at Vinita/  
Q Where was Jesse living in 1880, what district?  
A. In Cooweescoowee District.  
Q You say he has always lived in the Cherokee Nation?  
A. Always has, yes sir.  
Q Never been out? A. Never been out to my knowing, he was born and raised there  
Q Is your mother living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Has she been enrolled by this Commission? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you been enrolled by this Commission? A. Yes sir.  
Q Where is Jesse now? A. Over in the Muskogee jail.  
Q He has never appeared before the Commission? A. Not that I know of.  
Q Why hasn't he? A. Well I couldn't tell you no more than when we went to Gibson to enroll he was at Tulsa and he was to go to Vinita to enroll and he never came. Then he was to go to Nowata and he never went. For why, I don't know, I never asked him. Of course Ma never paid any attention to him and neigher did I, he was a man and knowed that was enrollment time and I never said anything about it to him, I supposed he had enrolled.  
Q Is he married? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is his wife's name? A. I can't think of her name.  
Q How long has he been in jail? A. I guess a month.



- Q And you think he has four children? A. I most know he has four, three girls and a boy, no, he has five now, a child by this last wife, the baby.
- Q Is the three children living at home with him? A. No, only one with him, that is the baby, the others are with their mother at Vinita.
- Q His first wife? A. Yes sir.
- Q On June 30, 1905, Emmet Starr appeared before the Commission at Muskogee to make application for the following children: Charley Folsome, Alia Folsome, Gertie Folsome and Jesse Folsome. The Jesse Folsome referred to there is your brother that you have testified about? A. Yes sir.
- Q Do you know if this child, Charley and this child Gertie are his children? A. Said to be his children, yes sir.
- Q Do you know whether they are his children or not? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Where do they live? A. With their mother.
- Q At Vinita? A. Yes sir.
- Q What is the mother's name? A. The mother of them is Eliza.
- Q Eliza Folsome? A. Yes sir.

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Opal Griggs being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she reported the above and foregoing proceedings had on the 6th day of January, and that the above is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

(Signed) Opal Griggs.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of January, 1905

(S. A. L.)

(Signed) Charles H. Sawyer  
Notary Public.

Lucy M. Bowman, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she made the above and foregoing copy and that the same is a full, true and complete copy of the original transcript now on file with the Commission.

*Lucy M. Bowman*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1905.

*Myron White*  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Eliza Fulson, et al., as Cherokee Freedmen, consolidating the ap-  
plications of

Eliza Fulson,  
James Vann,

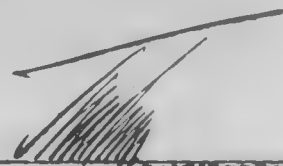
Cherokee Freedman D 1287  
Cherokee Freedman D 1290

O R D E R.

THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW : That at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on June 30, 1902, Emmet Starr appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, and made application for the enrollment of Eliza Fulson and James Vann as Cherokee Freedmen, and that said applicants were duly listed for enrollment on Cherokee Freedman cards Nos. D 1287 and D 1290, respectively.

The records further show that said applicants have also been listed for enrollment on Cherokee Freedman card No. 800, and that the names of Eliza Fulson and James Vann appear upon a partial roll of Cherokee Freedmen approved by the secretary of the Interior January 16, 1903, opposite Nos. 1953 and 1952 respectively.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: That the listing of Eliza Fulson on Cherokee Freedman card D 1287, and that of James Vann on Cherokee Freedman card D 1290, be cancelled, and that the records in said cases be transferred to Cherokee Freedman case No. 800.



COMMISSIONER

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this OCT 31 1905



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Fulsom, Mrs. Eliza  
Vinita, I.T.  
Cherokee Nation,  
Sept. 9, 1905.

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Vinita, Ind. Ter.

Sept. 9. 1900-

Hon. James Rixby

Rest Sir In reply  
to your advertisement of  
the roll of 1896. I find  
my name Elizia Fulsom  
and my son James  
Vann. I will say that  
I have filed three years  
this coming Apr. We have  
been living here all  
the time.

Yours very truly  
Mrs Elizia Fulsom  
Vinita Ind. T.

Charles T. Freeman

9-1287-1290.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 22, 1906.

Klona Palsam,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of your letter of September 9, stating that the names of yourself and child, James Vann, appear in the advertised list of persons whose names appear on the 1896 Cherokee census roll unaccounted for, and that you selected allotments for yourself and son three years ago.

In reply you are advised that, from the information contained in your letter, the 1896 enrollment of yourself and child, James Vann, can now be accounted for, and it will not be necessary for you to take any further action with reference thereto.

Respectfully,

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Acting Commissioner.

Cherokee Freedmen

D-1287, et al.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 31, 1905.

Ball, Hastings &avenport,

Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of an order of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated October 31, 1905, cancelling the enrollment of Eliza Fulson on Cherokee Freedman card D 1287, and that of James Vann on Cherokee Freedman card D 1290, and transferring the records in said cases to Cherokee Freedman case No. 800, they being duplicate enrollments.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*Tamie Bixby.*

Commissioner.

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James H. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*James H. Jones*  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th of May, 1901.

Commissioner.  
JONES

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Ind., May 13, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Moses Albany for the enrollment of himself and four children as Cherokee Freedmen.  
Moses Albany, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Moses Albany.  
Q How old are you? A I am in my 31st year.  
Q What is your post office address? A Centralia, I. T.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee district.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to any other tribe or nation to be enrolled?  
A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Myself and four children.  
Q What are the names of your four children? A Juanita is the name of the oldest.  
Q Well, how old is Juanita? A She is 7 years old.  
Q What is the next one? A Ruth.  
Q How old is she? A She is 6 years old.  
Q What is the next one? A Gussie.  
Q How old is she? A 5 years old.  
Q What is the next one? A Dewey.  
Q How old is Dewey? A 3 years old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Amanda Albany.  
Q Is she a citizen? A No, sir, she is a state woman.  
Q What was her name before you married her? A She was a Crawford.  
Q How old is she? A She is about 30.  
Q Is she the mother of the four children you have mentioned?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q When were you married? A In February, 1893.  
Q Have you a certificate of marriage? A No, sir.  
Q Have you got one at home, have you any certificate at all?  
A No, sir.  
Q Who married you? A Rev. Joe Smith.  
Q Is he where you can find him? A Yes, sir, he is pastor of the church where I live.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Moses Albany found thereon, page 61, No. 87, Cooweescoowee district, as Mose Albany.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon, as follows:  
Moses Albany on page 395, No. 1, Cooweescoowee district, as Mose Albany.  
Juanita Albany on page 395, No. 2, Cooweescoowee district, as Juanita Albany.  
Ruth Albany on page 395, No. 3, Cooweescoowee district.  
Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation yourself?  
A Yes, sir, only when I was out to school.

Commissioner: Moses Albany applies for the enrollment of himself and four children, to-wit, Juanita, Ruth, Gussie, and Dewey. He is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 according to page and number of the roll as indicated in the testimony, and the names of his two oldest children, Juanita and Ruth, are identified upon the roll of 1896, and he presents satisfactory proof of the

James Liberty - 3.

birth of the two youngest children, Charlie and Dewey. They are all duly identified and have satisfactory proof as to residence. He avers that he was married to one Amanda Crawford in the year 1898, but presents no satisfactory proof of birth. Called to the stand Liberty and his four children are introduced herein and he is sworn to the enrollment as Charles Freedom. It will be noted that the said Freedom is file with this Commission satisfactory proof of his marriage to his said wife Amanda, who was a non citizen.

Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that he stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 15th of May, 1901.

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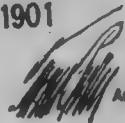
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 11, 1901

Post Office

Centrakia D.T.

District

Coo

1. Name

Moses Alberty

Age

31

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

17

District

Coo

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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| 5  | Dewey   | "       | Year | "    | Page | "   | No. | " | Dist. | "   | 3 |
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Stenographer

B. C. Jones

1. All 1896 roll, Page 395 - \*1, Moses Alberty - Coo  
 2. " " do Jaminta Alberty  
 4. And affidavits of birth, signed  
 Certificate of marriage to be supplied.



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Gussie Alberty

as a citizen of

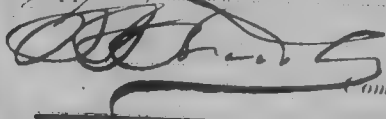
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Gussie Alberty, born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 1896  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Moses Alberty, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Amanda Alberty, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Post-office, Centralia S. I.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Amanda Alberty, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by marriage, of the United States Nation,  
that I am the lawful wife of Moses Alberty, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 1896 that said child has been  
named Gussie Alberty and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Amanda AlbertySubscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of AprilLouis J. Brown

My commission expires March 17, 1904

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Ruth Alberty, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Amanda Alberty, wife of Moses Alberty  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 1896 that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Gussie Alberty

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)L. HicksLulia CurtisRuth AlbertySubscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of MayLouis J. Brown

My commission expires March 17, 1904

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CHEBOKEE FREEDMAN. 801

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Dwight Albuty*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Dewey Alberty, born on the 14 day of April, 1898  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Moses Alberty, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Amanda Alberty, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Post-office, Centralia S. I.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Amanda Alberty, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by United States Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Moses Alberty, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 14 day of April, 1898 that said child has been  
named Dewey Alberty, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Amanda Alberty

My commission expires March 17, 1904.  
(Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

27 day of April, 1901.  
Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

Ruth Alberty, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Amanda Alberty, wife of Moses Alberty,  
on the 14 day of April, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Dewey Alberty.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

D. W. Dick  
Lulu Carter

Ruth Alberty  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

9 day of May, 1901.  
Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires March 17, 1904.

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Rejected, Mary Bean.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, I. T., May 31, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Andy Fry for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Millie Fry, one child, and his wife's mother, Mary Bean, as Cherokee Freedmen, said Andy Fry being sworn and examined by Commissioner E. H. Brookbridge, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Andy Fry.

Q Who is it you want to have enrolled? A Myself, my wife, and one child, and my wife's mother.

Q Why can't your wife's mother apply for herself? A She is too old.

Q Do you want to apply as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.

Q How old are you? A 66.

Q What is your postoffice? A Vinita.

Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my days.

Q Are you on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir, I guess I am.

Q You are a duly recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Q Give me the name of your father. A I don't know my father; Fry was his name is all I know.

Q Give me the name of your mother? A Her name was Harriet.

Q Is your mother living? A No sir.

Q How long has she been dead? A She died during the war.

Q Were you a slave in the Cherokee Nation when the war broke out? A Yes sir.

Q To whom did you belong? A To Mary Clark.

Q You were set free by the war, were you? A Yes sir.

Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No sir.

Q Give me the name of your wife? A Millie Fry.

Q How old is she? A She is 64.

Q How long have you and she been married? A We were married in '63.

Q Was she a slave in the Cherokee Nation when the war broke out? A Yes sir.

Q Give me the name of your wife's father. A I don't know.

Q Do you know the name of her mother? A Her name was Mary Bean.

Q Is she alive? A Yes sir.

Q Give me the name of your child. A Henrietta.

Q How old is that child? A She is 16 years old.

Q Is she the child of this wife? A Yes sir.

Q Is she living now? A Yes sir.

Q Give me the name of your wife's mother. A Mary Bean.

Q How old is this mother? A She is about 107 or 8 years old.

Q Was this Mary Bean a slave in the Cherokee Nation at the beginning of the war? A Yes sir.

Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since the war? A All but two years.

Q Where did she live then? A She lived in Kansas; she was backwards and forwards here.

Q What two years was that? A That was along about '70.

Q She claims to be a Cherokee Freedman, does she? A Yes sir.

Q And your wife claims to be a Cherokee Freedman of her own right? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant and his wife are found thereon as follows:

Page 259, No. 1074, Andrew Frye, Delaware District.

Page 259, No. 1075, Milly Frye, Delaware District.

Q Is Mary Bean living with you and your wife? A Yes sir.

Applicant: I don't think she is on the '80 roll; she went to see her daughter when that roll was made.

B- L. F.

The name of Mary Bean cannot be identified on the authenticated roll of 1880.

The 1880 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant, his wife, and child are identified thereon as follows:

Page 630, No. 39, Andrew Fry, Delaware District.

Page 630, No. 40, Milly Fry, Delaware District.

Page 630, No. 41, Henry A. Fry, Delaware District.

The name of Mary Bean cannot be identified on the census roll of 1896.

Q How comes it that your wife's mother is not on the 1880 roll?

A I don't see why; she was here.

Q Was she known by any other name besides Mary Bean? A She goes by that name.

Q How long has she been going by that name? A Ever since I was quite young.

Q You never called her Mary Fry? A No sir.

Q Did your wife's mother draw Cherokee strip money? A I think she did.

The Kerns Clifton Roll examined for the name of Mary Bean, and her name is found on page 119, No. 2967, in Delaware District.

Q Was your wife's mother in Delaware District the time of the strip payment? A Yes sir.

Q How long has she lived in Delaware District? A Ever since in '70; she would go backward and forward in Kansas; she had another daughter there that went insane and she went there to see her until she got disabled to go.

Q Was this Mary Bean ever called Ebbie Bean? A No sir, that is Tom Mayfield's mother.

The Wallace Roll examined for the name of Mary Bean and her name is found on page 99, No. 3134, Mary Bean, Delaware District.

Q Now, your wife's mother cannot be identified on the roll of 1880, or on the 1896 roll. She seems to be identified on the Wallace Roll, but her identification is very doubtful on the Kerns Clifton Roll. When did she begin going up to Kansas? A She went backwards and forwards all the time after her daughter got insane; I just don't know what time it was.

Q Was she in Kansas during the war? A Yes sir.

Q And did one of her daughters marry up there? A She married here.

Q How about that insane daughter? A She never did come back here.

Q Are you sure that Mary Bean didn't stay in Kansas after the war? A She stayed there some five or six months at a time, backward and forward.

Q What I want to know particularly is what time did she come back to the Cherokee Nation after the war closed? A She come back in the spring of '67; I moved her down.

Q Do you remember that distinctly? A Yes sir.

Q She didn't come back with you and your wife? A No sir, I left her up there.

Q You and your wife came back at what time? A We come back in '66.

Q What time in '66? A October.

Q And you remember distinctly that your wife's mother came the following spring? A Yes sir, she come in the spring, because my daughter went after her.

Q You remember how far in the spring it was? A It was along about May.

Q The trees were all out, were they? A Yes sir.

Q And everything in bloom? A Yes sir.



The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife, and one child, and also for the enrollment of his wife's mother, who is stated to be 107 or 8 years of age, and unable to apply for herself. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman. He states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, except a brief absence during the war, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is identified with him on the rolls of 1880 and 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life except a brief absence during the war, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Their child, Henrietta, is only 16 years of age, and she is now 16 years of age. She is living, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The mother of the applicant's wife, Mary Bean, by name, is identified on the Wallace roll, and she is very indefinitely identified on the Kerns Olifton Roll; she is not on the roll of 1880, nor on the census roll of 1890. It is shown definitely by the testimony of the applicant that this woman Mary Bean, did not return to the Cherokee Nation from the State of Kansas after the Civil War until the Spring of 1867. This was too late to entitle her to enrollment under the treaty of 1866, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a rejected card.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1901.

*J. B. Schuchter*  
*W. H. Schuchter*  
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 11- 1901

Post Office

Maula S. I.

District

Illinois

1. Name

Andy Frye

Age

66

Owner's name

Mary Clark

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

1074

District

Del.

Parents:

Father

Frye

Citizenship

Col.

Mother

Hearnt

Citizenship

Col.

2. Name of wife

Milly Frye

Age

64

Owner's name

Year

1880

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No.

1075

District

Del.

Parents:

Father

Mary Bean

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Col.

Names of Children

3.

Henrietta Frye

Year

1894

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No.

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Dist.

Del.

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Mary Bean

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Application made by

Andy Frye

Stenographer

Rothmberger

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, P.T., July 23, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Andy Fry for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Billy, and child, Henrietta Fry, as Cherokee Freedman.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

HENRIETTA BUFFINGTON, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Henrietta Buffington.  
Q How old are you? A 20.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q You are a Cherokee Freedman are you? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Lucian Buffington.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, Cherokee by blood.  
Q When were you and he married? A 7th of last September.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A No sir.  
Q When did you separate? A In November I think.  
Q Married in September and separated the next November? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you been divorced? A No sir.  
Q Have you married again? A No sir.

Mary B. Risner, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this July 26, 1904.

*Mary B. Risner*

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public.





Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Winnipeg, I. T., May 11, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Abe Vann for enrollment  
as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commis-  
sioner C. H. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Abe Vann.  
Q How do you want to answer besides yourself? A Just myself, please.  
Q How old are you? A 22.  
Q What is your occupation? A Tallowquah.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tallowquah District.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been  
in the Cherokee Nation ever since I was born.  
Q All your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your father? A ~~Abel~~ Turk Vann.  
Q Is he alive? A No sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A About five years.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A Gloria Vann.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the  
Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is  
found on page 672, No. 1214, Abe Vann, Saline District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee  
Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on  
page 1325, No. 570, Abe Vann, Tallowquah District.

- Q Is there anybody in your father's family called Abe? A Yes sir,  
they call me Abe, some of them; my right name is Abe.

The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and  
1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee  
Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment  
as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer  
to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly re-  
corded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic  
notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of May, 1901.

*E. J. Rothberger*  
*Commissioner*  
Commissioner.

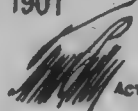


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 11- 1901

Post Office

Tahlequah, I. T.

District

Tahlequah.

1. Name

Ave Vann

Age

22.

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1888

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No.

1214

District

Tahlequah, Saline

Parents:

Father

Lurk Vann.

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Citizenship

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Mother

Gloria

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Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

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Parents:

Father

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Application made by

Ave Vann

Stenographer

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No. 1 on 1890 rec. p. 1325-28. 5-70 as  
 Ave Vann Tahlequah Dis.

Cherokee Freedmen  
#682, 683, 684, 685,  
& 803.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 7, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Creek Enrollment Division,

General Office.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 3, stating that Gern, Jimmie, Jane, Caroline, Andy and Abe Vann appear upon the 1880 authenticated roll of the Creek Nation, Canadian Colored Town, that their father was a Cherokee, and asking to be advised as to the status of these persons as Cherokee freedmen.

In reply you are advised that these applicants have been listed for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen as follows:

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| Salera Vann, Cherokee freedmen card No. 682, final roll No. 1703, |  |
| James Vann, " " " " 683, " " " 1704,                              |  |
| Andrew Vann, " " " " 684, " " " 1705,                             |  |
| Jane Vann, (listed as Jane Swopston), " 685, " " " 1706,          |  |
| Caroline Vann, " " " " 692, " " " 1723,                           |  |
| Abe Vann, " " " " 803, " " " 1963,                                |  |

and that their final enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 16, 1903.

All the applicants above named are identified upon the 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation, Saline District.

Respectfully,

Chairman.



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Department of the Interior.  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Winston, T. C., May 11, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Eda Lowe for the enrollment of herself, ~~as a Cherokee Freedman~~, as a Cherokee Freedman; and for the enrollment of her husband, William James Lowe, as a Freedman of the Cherokee Nation by intermarriage; said Eda Lowe being sworn and examined by Commissioner O. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Eda (Ratcliffe) Lowe.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll; anybody besides yourself? A No one but myself and my husband; he is an adopted man.  
Q How old are you? A Well I want to say I was born before the war.  
Q You are something over forty? A Yes sir, I must be.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Lenapah.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have lived here all my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Well, I really couldn't give the name of my father.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Phoebe Hilderbrand.  
Q Is your mother dead? A Yes sir; I have never recognized her.  
Q She died when you were a child? A They taken her away the time of the war.  
Q You never saw her afterwards? A No sir, I never saw her afterwards.  
Q You have no recollection of her? A No sir.  
Q To whom did your mother belong before the war? A Lucy Hilderbrand; Lewis was her master's name.  
Q They were Cherokee citizens, were they? A Yes sir.  
Q Where did Lewis Hilderbrand live? A Up on Grand River; it was called old Hilderbrand Mill, I believe they called it.  
Q Who had charge of you during the war? A I was there.  
Q When your mother was taken away you were not taken out? A I was right there.  
Q Who brought you up? A Arch Landrum; he brought me up. Winnie Ratcliffe his mother raised me.  
Q Have you been married more than once? A No sir.  
Q You have never been married except to your present husband? A Just my present husband.  
Q Give me the name of your husband? A William James Lowe.  
Q Where did you get the name of Ratcliffe? A My Winnie Ratcliffe raised us and she always enrolled us that way.  
Q You went by the name of the people that brought you up? A Yes sir, my aunt, she enrolled us that way.  
Q Well now, this man you married, how old is he? A He can answer for himself; I just don't know.

William James Lowe, being sworn and examined by Commissioner O. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William James Lowe.  
Q How old are you? A I am going on about 37.  
Q Are you the husband of this applicant here? A Yes sir.  
Q Where were you born? A I was born in Texas.  
Q You only claim as an intermarried Freedman? A Yes sir, that is all.  
Q When were you and your wife married? A Married the 16th of March, '92.  
Q You and your wife are living together at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q You have the same postoffice that she has? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you get out a Cherokee license when you married your wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Let me see it? A (Hands same to Commissioner.)

The applicant presents a license issued by the Clerk of Cooweescoowee District, March 14, 1892, authorizing marriage between himself and his wife as stated by them, and

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and the certificate on the back thereof shows that they were united in marriage in accordance with said license on the 18th day of the same month and within the same year by the Rev. James Smith. This is filed herewith.

Q Have you lived with your wife in the Cherokee Nation ever since you married her in '88? A Yes sir, with the exception of about six months.

Q What were you doing then? A I was working to make a living carrying lumber to build a house.

Q Where were you? A Part of the time I was in the Cherokee Nation and part of the time on the Kansas line.

Q Just working out on a job? A Yes sir.

The documents are entered as having been admitted to record on the 8th of May, 1892, in Book B, Marriage records, page 123.

Q Were you ever married except to this wife? A No sir, that is my first wife.

Q How about your wife having never been married before? A I never seen her until just about three months before I married; I don't know whether she was married or not.

Q You and she have no children? A No sir.

Q You never heard of her having any children? A No sir.

Applicant testifies further-

Q You testified that you were never married before? A I had a man.

Q How many times have you lived with people before? A This is the second time.

Q Where did you take up with a man and live before? A I was visiting in Oswego a while.

Q Where is that? A In the States.

Q In what state? A Kansas, Labette County.

Q How long did you live with that man? A Not but a short time.

Q Did you keep house together? A I was working there.

Q Did you hold him out as your husband and he held you out as his wife? A O, yes, we were living together, but I didn't marry him according to the laws here.

Q There were never any children by that marriage? A No sir, there wasn't any children at all.

Q How long did you and that man live together as husband and wife?

A I wasn't out of the nation a year at a time, so I couldn't keep up.

Q So you were living there with him some time and then come back to the nation? A Yes sir.

Q And joined him here? A No sir, I come home and stayed.

Q How long did you and he keep up that form of union? A For a couple of years, I guess.

Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.

Q When did he die? A He has been dead about eight years ago from what I can learn.

Q What was his name? A George Robinson.

Q Was he a white man or colored man? A He was a colored man.

Q Where did he die? A I heard here, I don't know; I understand he died in Missouri.

Q Do you know whether he is dead or not? A I heard it from hear say; friends told me.

Q You parted did you? A Yes sir.

Q Did you get a divorce from him? A No sir.

Q You say you and he didn't marry according to Cherokee Law? A No sir.

Q Did you marry according to Kansas laws? A No sir.

Q Did a preacher marry you? A Yes sir.

Q Did you get out a Kansas license? A I don't know what he did; I was quite young; no, I don't know whether he did or not.

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Q How long since you and that man began living together as you say? A About - I guess 15 years ago; it's been longer than that - somewhere along there I couldn't tell.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation, examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 305, No. 2167, Edah Ratcliffe, Delaware District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 409, No. 281, Edah Lowe, Chowassee District.

Applicant's husband not identified on any roll of the Cherokee Nation.

Q Your husband is not on any roll, is he? A Yes, he is on one roll.

Q What roll? A One the Cherokees taken.

Q Which one? A Right after the Clifton Roll.

Q That is the 1896? A He was put on that one.

William James Lowe recalled:

Q Have you ever been admitted to any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Not that I know of; she went over there and give her name as Lowe.

Q I am talking about you? A No sir, I never went before them.

Q Of course, you didn't draw Cherokee strip money? A No sir, I never drew any, never pretended to draw any.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and her husband. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She claims to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Her change of name arising from marriage is established by the marriage license and certificate filed herewith. It is shown that her enrollment in 1880, prior to her marriage, under the name different from that borne by her father and mother, was due to her having been brought up as an orphan from early childhood by an aunt, whose name she bore, and with whom she was enrolled in 1880. The Applicant will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The applicant's husband is a colored man and makes no claim to citizenship except by intermarriage. He is shown by the marriage license and certificate filed herewith, to have been married to his wife in 1892 under Cherokee law. The license does not have upon it the seal of the Clerk of the District, but the genuineness of the signature of the Clerk is not disputed, and the license and certificate are shown to have been duly admitted to record. The testimony indicates that the applicant formerly lived with one George Robinson, as husband and wife, and that she was married to George Robinson by a minister. There is no definite information that George Robinson as died since that marriage; they parted according to the testimony some eight years ago, but no divorce was secured. The applicant's husband is not identified upon any roll. For the further consideration of his case, he will now be listed as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card.

#### Supplemental.

Q When did you first hear that your former husband, George Robinson, was dead? A I heard it about five years ago.

Q When did you hear he had die? A About five years ago.

Q You just heard it then? A Yes sir, shortly before that.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1901.

*W. H. H. H. H.*

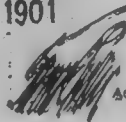
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 11-1901

Post Office

Jenapah, I. T.

District

Leos.

1. Name

William J. Lowe

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Eda Hatchiss Lowe

Age

40+

Owner's name

Lena Hildbrand

Citizenship

Leos.

Year

1880

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No.

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District

Leos.

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Phoebe Hildbrand

Citizenship

Leos.

Names of Children:

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William J. Lowe

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Application made by

Eda Lowe

Stenographer

Prothmanberg

Ms. 2 on 1880 recd. Eda Hatchiss

Ms. 2 on 1896 recd. 409 Ms. 281 - as Eda Lowe. Leos.



CHEROKEE NATION, I. T. }  
Coweeskookee District.

1 Rev Joseph Smith

a minister of the Gospel.

hereby certify that in the

16 day of March

1892, I joined in Marriage,

W. W. F. Lawrence

and Ada Ratcliff

a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, agreeable to the authority

given in the within License and the customs and laws of the Cherokee Nation.

Given under my hand this the

16

day of March

A. D. 1892

Indian Christian Prince, Minister, and Teacher.

Rev Joseph Smith

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

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Office of Commissioner  
Robert L. Hunter, Jr.  
on the 3d day of  
May 1892 in Book  
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CHEROKEE NATION, I. T. }  
Coweeskoowee District.

I, *Rev Joseph Smith* a minister of the gospel,  
hereby certify that on the *16* day of *March*  
*Mr. W. G. Lawe* 1892, I joined in Marriage,  
*Miss Ada Rateliff* a citizen of the United States, and  
given in the within License and the customs and laws of the Cherokee Nation.

Given under my hand this the *16* day of *March* A. D., 1892.  
*Rev Joseph Smith*

Indian Chieftain Print, Vinita, Ind, Ter.

*I hereby certify that the above is true*

*the State of Oklahoma*

*Joseph Smith*  
ACTING CHIEF

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*Deputy Commissioner*  
*on the 3rd day of*  
*May 1892 in Book*  
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*H H Pratt Clerk*  
*W H Drew*

CHEROKEE NATION, I. T. }  
Coweeskoowee District. }

I, Rev Joseph Smith a minister of the gospel  
hereby certify that on the 16 day of March 1892, I joined in Marriage,  
Mr. W. J. Lawe a citizen of the United States, and  
Miss Ada Rateliff a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, agreeable to the authority  
given in the within License and the customs and laws of the Cherokee Nation.

Given under my hand this the 16 day of March A. D., 1892.  
Rev Joseph Smith

Indian Chieftain Print, Viola, Ind. Ter.

I hereby certify the above statement to be true

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHIEF

Joseph Smith

At Great Salt Lake  
Utah  
16th March

Recorded in the 10th  
Office of Coweeskoowee  
District 10th March 1892  
On the 3rd day of  
May 1892 in Book  
13, Marriage Record  
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# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

CHEROKEE NATION, I. T.

Coweeskoo wee District.

To Any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriage, Greeting :

You are hereby authorized to join in the Holy Bond of Matrimony, and to celebrate the rites and ceremonies of Marriage, between Mr. M. J. Smith a citizen of the United States, and Mrs. Ada Ratcliff a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, according to the usual custom and laws of the Cherokee Nation, and you are required to return this license to me, for record, within thirty days from the celebration of such Marriage with a Certificate of the same appended thereto and signed by you.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D., 1892

Witness absence  
of seal  
H. H. Smith

H. H. Smith  
Clerk Coweeskoo wee District.





Department of the Interior  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Winita, Indian Territory, May 15, 1901.

IN EXAMINATION OF THE APPLICATION OF JUNE MARTIN FOR ENROLLMENT  
as a Cherokee Freedman, her claims were examined by Commissioner  
J. A. Henderson, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. June Martin.  
Q. How old are you now? A. Just myself, I reckon,  
and others all went in.  
Q. How old are you? A. 68.  
Q. What is your present home? A. Winita.  
Q. Do you live in Delaware District? A. Delaware, Indian Territory.  
Q. Well, you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A. Yes,  
my life - Fred Martin until that time when he died and then the  
Cherokee Nation.  
Q. You are duly enrolled and recognized as a Cherokee Freedman, are  
you? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Who did you belong to before the war? A. Lewis Ross.  
Q. He was a recognized Cherokee citizen? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Your husband is dead is he? A. Yes sir.  
Q. How long has he been dead? A. Twelve years.  
Q. What was your husband's name? A. Fred Martin.  
Q. He was a recognized Cherokee Freedman, was he? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the  
Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is  
found on page 283, No. 1618, June Martin, Delaware District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee  
Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on  
page 354, No. 111, June Martin, Delaware District.

The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and  
1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She states that she has lived in  
the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will now be listed  
for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer  
to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly re-  
corded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic  
notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1901.

*J. A. Henderson*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 16 - 1901  
 Post Office Winta  
 District Delaware

1. Name ..... Age .....

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

2. Name of wife Juno Martin Age 95

Owner's name Lewis Ross Citizenship Schenker

Year 1880 Page 288 No. 1618 District Del.

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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Application made by Juno Martin Stenographer Arthur L. L. L.

Ms. 2 on 1896 p. 634 Ms. 111 - Del.



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Q Are you a recognized President of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, I am.  
Q Have you lived here all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long, ever since I asked you that?

Q How long has she been dead? A About 16 years.

the applicant identified Thomson, page 522, No. 8804, as 22

Q Did they ever call you by any other name except Vandy? A No.

Mother of applicant on page 323, No. 2808, Delaware district,  
as Rachel Vann or 2907.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winnipeg, N.D., May 11, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Stamford Vann, for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman.  
Stamford Vann, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Stamford Vann.  
Q And is you want to enroll besides yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q Anybody but yourself? A Just myself and my brother, he is here.  
Q Is your brother of age? A No, sir, not quite, he is 20.  
Q Where is he? A He is here.  
Q Well he can apply for himself? A All right, just myself.  
Q How old are you? A 35.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware district.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Ever since I was born, ever since I knowed anything.  
Q Have you lived here all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A William Vann.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Rachel Vann.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A About 18 years.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 332, No. 2904, as Stamford Vann, or Boot, Delaware district, no age or nationality given.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 636, No. 121, Delaware district.

- Q Did they ever call you by any other name except Vann? A No, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the father of applicant identified thereon, page 332, No. 2901, Delaware district, as William Vann or Boot.  
Mother of applicant on page 332, No. 2902, Delaware district, as Rachel Vann or Boot.

Commissioner: The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life. There is a variation in his name on the roll of 1880, but he is clearly identified on that roll with his deceased father and mother. He will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 14th of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*

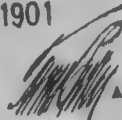
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION,

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 11, 1901

Post Office

United States

District

Delaware

1. Name

Stanford Vann

Age

25

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

2804

District

Del.

Parents:

Father

William Vann

- d

Citizenship

Col.

Mother

Rachel

- d

Citizenship

Col.

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stanford Vann

Stenographer

James

No. 1 on 1880 rec as Stanford Vann or Bork

" " 1894 rec p. 634 Vol. 121 Del. Div.



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Exhibit 1. Breckbill - 2

Q Did you know her father and mother? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her father's name? A Lewis Howe.  
Q What was the name of her mother? A Quinsey Howe.

Q Exhibit 1. Breckbill recalled testified:  
Q Give me the names of your children: begin with the oldest child. A (Brenda Commissioner paper.)  
Q Is your oldest one named Brenda? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is the next one named Stella? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is the next one named Mary? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is the next one named Mary? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is the next one named Mary? A Yes, sir.  
Q That is all, is it? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q You have a son? A Yes, sir.

Q The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Exhibit 1. Breckbill identified therein, page 203, No. 2114, Exhibit Howe, Delaware district.  
Q The 1880 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants not identified therein.  
Q Did you draw Cherokee-appeal money? A Yes, sir.  
Q The Kerna-Oliffen pay-roll examined and the applicants identified therein as follows:  
Exhibit 1. Breckbill on page 4, No. 92, Delaware district, as Lewis Howe;  
Exhibit 1. Breckbill on page 4, No. 93, Delaware district, as Lewis Breckbill.  
Exhibit 1. Breckbill on page 4, No. 94, Delaware district, as Stella Breckbill.  
Exhibit 1. Breckbill on page 4, No. 95, Delaware district, as Ike Breckbill.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and four children. She is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerna-Oliffen roll as a Cherokee Freedman. She states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, her change of name arises from her marriage, which is established by her own and other satisfactory personal testimony. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Of the four children named in the testimony, the first three are identified with their mother on the Kerna-Oliffen roll, they are living and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. When the applicant supplies the documentation with a proper certificate of birth of the youngest child, Mary Breckbill, it also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The applicant does not apply for the enrollment of her husband, as she states that he has no right of himself as a Cherokee Freedman, and that they were not married under a Cherokee license.

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Exhibit 2. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th of May, 1901.



Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Ind., May 11, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sophia J. Breakbill for  
the enrollment of herself and four children as Cherokee Freedmen.  
Sophia J. Breakbill, being duly sworn and examined by Commission-  
er Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your full name? A Sophia Breakbill.  
Q Who do you want to have put on the roll? A Myself and family.  
Q You have a husband? A Yes, sir.  
Q And how many children? A Four.  
Q Yourself, husband and four children? A Myself and four children.  
Q You don't apply for your husband? A No, sir.  
Q How do you spell your name? A S-o-p-h-i-a.  
Q How old are you? A 33 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Why I have lived all my life, I have been here 36 years.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Lewis Rowe.  
Q Is he alive? A No, sir, he is dead.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He has been dead one year ago the 19th of this month.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Chanie Rowe.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A One year ago the 19th day of March.  
Q You have been married? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many times? A Once.  
Q By whom were you married? A John J. Breakbill.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir.  
Q He is a state man? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did you and he marry? A Why we married about 17 years ago.  
Q You are separated now? A No, sir.  
Q I thought you told me you were separated? A No, sir, I never told you I was separated.  
Q You are not applying for him? A No, sir, he is here.  
Q He never married you under a Cherokee license? A We married under Cherokee law, I don't know if we have to get any license when we were married.  
Q He didn't get out a Cherokee license? A No, sir.  
Q Is there anybody here who knows that you and he have been living together for the past 17 years as husband and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who is there? A John Buffington.

John Buffington, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A John Buffington.  
Q How old are you? A 30.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know this applicant here? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her name? A She was Breakbill.  
Q What is the name of her husband? A John Breakbill.  
Q How long have they been married, as near as you can come to it? A 16 or 17 years, I don't know exactly.  
Q Have they been living together ever since as husband and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you know her before her marriage? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her name then? A Sophia Rowe.

Sophia J. Breakbill - 3.

- Q Did you know her father and mother? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her father's name? A Lewis Rowe.  
Q What was the name of her mother? A Chaney Rowe.

Sophia J. Breakbill recalled, testified:

Q Give me the names of your children; begin with the eldest child. A (hands Commissioner paper.)

- Q Is your oldest one named Louis, 14 years old? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is the next one named Stella, 12 years old? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is the next one named Isaac? A Yes, sir.  
Q 7 years old, is that right? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is the next one named Mary? A Yes, sir, 3 years old.  
Q That is all, is it? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q You have a 'J' in your name, haven't you? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Sophia J. Breakbill identified thereon, page 808, No. 2114, Sophia Rowe, Delaware district.

The 1886 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants not identified thereon.

Q Did you draw Cherokee-strip money? A Yes, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton pay-roll examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Sophia J. Breakbill on page 4, No. 92, Delaware district, as Sophia Rowe;

Lewis Breakbill on page 4, No. 93, Delaware district, as Lewis Brakebill.

Stella Breakbill on page 4, No. 94, Delaware district, as Stella Brakebille

Isaac Breakbill on page 4, No. 95, Delaware district, as Ike Brakebill.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and four children. She is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns-Clifton roll as a Cherokee Freedman. She states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, her change of name arises from her marriage, which is substantiated by her own and other satisfactory personal testimony. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Of the four children named in the testimony, the first three are identified with their mother on the Kerns-Clifton roll; they are living and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. When the applicant supplies the Commission with a proper certificate of birth of the youngest child, Mary Breakbill, it also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The applicant does not apply for the enrollment of her husband, as she states that he has no right of himself as a Cherokee Freedman, and that they were not married under a Cherokee license.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 14th of May, 1901.

*J. H. S.*

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 11-1901.

Post Office

Wilmington

District

Delaware.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 303 No. 2114 District Del.

Parents:

Father Lewis Rowe - d. Citizenship Col.

Mother Mary " - d. Citizenship Col.

Names of Children

3. Louis Breakbill Year 1880 Page 4 No. 93 Dist. Delaware 16m.

4. Stella " Year " Page 4 No. 94 Dist. " 12.

5. Isaac " Year " Page 4 No. 95 Dist. " 7.

6. Mary " Year " Page " No. " Dist. " 3.

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Application made by Sophia Breakbill Stenographer Jones.

Tr. 2 on 1880 rec as Sophia Rowe.

Tr. 3 on K. C. rec as Lewis Breakbill

Tr. 5 on K. C. rec as The Breakbill.  
W. C. Proof of birth to be supplied.

*Cherokee* FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Mary, Break-bill*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved, MAY 11 1901 190

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Mary Breakbill, born on the 2d day of Nov, 1897  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: John J. Breakbill, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sophia J. Breakbill, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Sophia J. Breakbill, on oath state that I am 36  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John J. Breakbill, who is a citizen, by  
of the U. S. Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 2d day of Nov, 1897; that said child has been  
named Mary Breakbill, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sophia J. Breakbill

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE. Father.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

midwife is now dead

I, John J. Breakbill the father, on oath state that I was  
present when the child was born to Mr. Sophia J. Breakbill wife  
of John J. Breakbill on the 2d day of Nov, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Mary Breakbill.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

John J. Breakbill

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Com. Exp. April 15-1903.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
CHEROKEE LANDS, 1904  
WASHINGTON, D. C. AUGUST 11, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Sophia J. Breakbill  
for the enrollment of herself and children, Louis, Stella, James and  
Mary Breakbill, as Cherokee Freedmen.

GENERAL HUNT MARTIN, being duly sworn and examined by  
the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A General Hunt Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 24.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman?  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Louis Breakbill.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you and she married? A We were married the 25th day  
of August I think. (Hand Commission certificate)  
Q This marriage certificate states that you were married August 25,  
1903; is that correct? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and she living together now? A Yes sir.

Mary B. Riser, being duly sworn, states that as stenog-  
rapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correct-  
ly recorded the testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes therein.

*Mary B. Riser*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this August 11, 1904.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public:

*Fr. Card 807*

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Mary Breaklee*

a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

*Rmo*  
Approved

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*  
COMMISSIONER

*Rmo*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Mary Break-bill  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Ketchum, Ind. Ter., and died on the 25th day of  
September, 1905  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western DISTRICT.

I, Sophia J. Break-bill, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Ketchum, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
mother of Mary Break-bill  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Cherokee Nation  
and that said Mary Break-bill died on the 25th day of  
September, 1905  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Sophia J. Breakbill

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July, 1906.

B. P. Rasmus  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western DISTRICT.

I, John J. Break-bill, on oath state that I am 44  
years of age, and a citizen, by free of the United States Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Ketchum, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
that I was personally acquainted with Mary Break-bill  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Mary Break-bill died on the 25th day of  
September, 1905  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

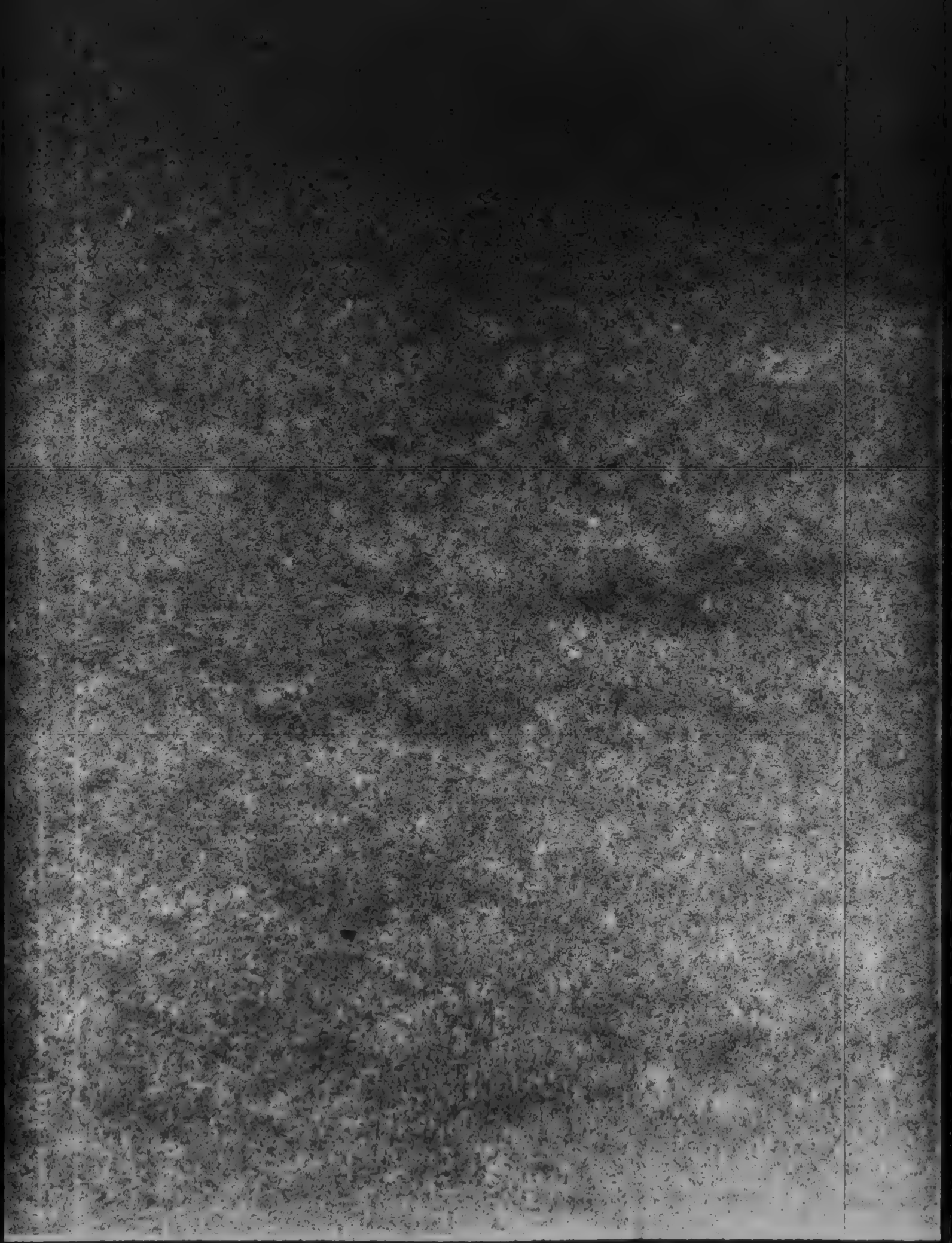
WITNESSES TO MARK:

John J. Breakbill

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July, 1906.

B. P. Rasmus  
Notary Public.





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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 11, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Ellis Vann for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Ellis Vann, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Ellis Vann.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll, just yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A 30 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware district.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A William Vann.  
Q Was your father called William Vann or Boot? A Yes, sir.  
Q Sometimes called Vann and sometimes called Boot? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your father is dead, is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q Been dead about a year? A About 18 years.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Rachel Vann.  
Q She is dead, is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Well, she has been dead about 18 years, hasn't she? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the parents of applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Rachel Vann on page 352, No. 2802, Delaware district, Rachel Vann or Boot, no age or nationality;  
William Vann on page 352, No. 2801, Delaware district, William Vann, or Boot, no age or nationality given.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 636, No. 120, Delaware district,  
Q Is there somebody here who knows that you are the child of William and Rachel Vann? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who is there here? A John Buffington.

John Buffington, examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A John Buffington.  
Q How old are you? A 30.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant here? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is his name? A Ellis Vann.  
Q Did you know his father? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was his name? A William Vann, or Boots.  
Q Did you know his mother? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her name? A Rachel Vann.  
Q Do you know this man to be the child of William and Rachel Vann? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are they alive or dead? A Dead.  
Q About how long have they been dead? A Been dead about 18 years.

Commissioner: The applicant is too young to be on the roll of 1880, but his deceased father and mother are identified on that roll, and the applicant is identified on the roll of 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. It is shown by satisfactory testimony that he is the child as claimed by him of the father and mother who are on the roll of 1880, he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of May 1900.

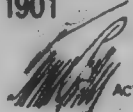
Notary Public for the State of New York.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 11-1901

Vinita I. T.

Del.

1. Name

Ellis Vann.

Age

25.

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1896

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No.

120

District

Del.

Parents:

Father

William Vann d.

Citizenship

Cal.

Mother

Rachel "

d.

Citizenship

"

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Ellis Vann.

Stenographer

Jones





Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wash., D.C., May 11, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Shunkin and three children for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

Richard Shunkin, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Richard Shunkin.
- Q Who is it you want to enroll, besides yourself?
- A My wife and children, that is all.
- Q How many children? A She has got three.
- Q Yourself, your wife and three children? A Yes, sir, her and her three children: I am not applying for myself, I am just adopted by marriage.
- Q You didn't get a Cherokee license? A No, sir.
- Q You just apply then for your wife and three children? A Yes, sir.
- Q How old are you? A I don't know, I was six years old when the war came up.
- Q Well, you are about 45 aren't you? A I don't know, you can put it together.
- Q Well, we will put you down as 45 as near as we can come to it.
- A Well, you can look on that paper (handing Commissioner paper.)
- Q What is your post office? A Chouteau.
- Q In what district do you live? A Coconino.
- Q Give me the name of your wife? A Mary Rider she was before I married.
- Q How old is your wife? A She is about 21.
- Q How long have you and she been married? A Two years and a little over.
- Q Have you a marriage license and certificate? A I have my license, yes, sir.
- Q What was your wife's name when you married her? A Her name was Mary Rider, daughter of Bill Rider.
- Q Her father's name you say was William Rider? A William Rider.
- Q Is he dead? A No, sir, he is here.
- Q Give me her mother's name? A Edy Rider.
- Q Is she dead? A No, sir, she is living.
- Commissioner: The applicant presents a license issued by the Clerk of the United States Court, Northern District, Indian Territory, on the 2nd of February, 1899, authorizing marriage between himself and Mary Rider; the certificate shows that they were united in marriage in accordance with said license on the 5th day of the same month and in the same year, by the Rev. Joseph Hase. This is filed herewith.
- Q Is your wife a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Give me the names of your children? A I have all the names on that (exhibiting paper.)
- Q Is the oldest one named Della? A Yes, sir.
- Q Well that child Della is 6 years old the 2nd of this month?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Now your next child is named Geruelia? A Yes, sir.
- Q Geruelia is 4 years old last March? A Yes, sir.
- Q And then your next child is Nelson, is it? A Yes, sir, the baby.
- Q He was born last November? A Yes, the 27th of November.
- Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir, they were all living this morning.
- Q Have you and your wife lived together ever since you were married?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Where is your wife at this time? A She is down to her mother's down at Chouteau.

Mary Shanklin - 3.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee freedmen examined and the applicant Mary Shanklin identified thereon, page 162, No. 2545, Nequeseedowee district, Mary Rider.  
The 1886 census roll of Cherokee freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Mary Shanklin on page 413, No. 455, Nequeseedowee district,  
Mary Ann Rider.

Q Did you draw strip money for this child Della? A No, sir, I don't think the old man drew anything for them.

Q Why isn't this child Della on this roll of 1886? A You can ask him, he had them put on.

William Rider, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A William Rider.

Q How old are you? A 56.

Q What is your post office? A Chautau.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.

Q Do you know the applicant here, this man? A I got acquainted with him several years ago.

Q Is his wife your daughter? A Yes, sir.

Q How many children have they? A Got one of their own and two stepchildren.

Q What are the names of the three children? A One is named Della and one Cornelia and one Nelson.

Q Which one is their own child? A Nelson.

Q And this child Cornelia, that is a girl, is it? A It is a boy.

Q Cornelius then is the right name? A Yes, sir.

Q Who is the mother of these children? A Mary.

Q Your daughter? A Yes, sir.

Q Do they go by ~~that name~~ this man's name? A No, sir.

Q Two they call Della and Cornelius? A ~~That~~ is what they went under the name of ~~Shanklin~~ whenever they were enrolled.

Q When were they enrolled under that name? A I just don't know what year it was, it was after the Lightening Creek payment.

Q Did you look after the enrollment of these children in 1886 when the census roll was being taken? A No, sir, they weren't enrolled then, and I didn't look after it till afterwards.

Q Do these children still go by the name of Vann? A Yes, sir, that is what they were enrolled by.

Q Is that the name they were called by the family? A Yes, sir, it has been, unless she has changed it.

Q These children were born to your daughter before she married this man? A Yes, sir.

Q She herself was still going by the name of Rider? A Yes, sir, at that time.

Richard Shanklin, recalled, testified:

Q Did your wife have two children when you married her? A Yes, sir, she had them two children.

Q Does she call them Vann? A Yes, sir, Della Vann and Cornelia Vann.

Q Do you call them Vann now or do you call them by your name?

A I call them by my name.

Q And you and your wife both want them enrolled under your name?

A She said she wanted it put with her under her name.

William Rider, recalled, testified:

Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money for these children? A No, sir.

Q You didn't draw for Della and Cornelius? A No, sir.



May 14, 1901.

Commissioner. The applicant applies for the enrollment of his wife and three children. He has married under United States license in 1897 and he makes no application for himself. His wife is only identified in the rolls of 1890 and 1894 as a Cherokee Freedman.

Q (To Richard Shannon.) Has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A I know no where else.

(Continuing.) She is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Her change of name is established by the marriage license and certificate filed herewith, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Of the three children named in the petition, the first two, Della and Sarah, were originally called John. They are shown to by the children of the applicant's wife. They are not upon any roll, but that these two children, and also the youngest child, Susan, are further shown by proper certification of birth to be the natural children of the applicant's wife. They will all be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, and all of them will be listed under the name of Shannon, which the applicant states is the desire of their mother.

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Since S. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Richard S. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 14th of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 11 - 1901

Post Office

Cherokee

District

Cov

Name

Richard Shankling

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Mary Shankling

Age 21

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1888

Page

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No.

2845

District

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Parents:

Father

William Rider a

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Names of children:

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Sella Shankling

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Cornelia

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Nelson

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Mr. Jones 1881 rec as Mary Rider

Mr. Jones 1896 rec p. 415 &amp; Mr 435 Mary Ann Rider Cov Dist.

~~Mr. Jones 1881 rec~~

Mrs. B. and # Proof of birth to be supplied.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

United States of America,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

SS.

I, JAMES A. WINSTON, Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the 2 day of March 1899, at M., and duly recorded in Book 2, Marriage Record, Page 447.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Muskogee, in said Territory, this 2 day of March A.D. 1899.

Clerk.

Deputy.

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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Jan. A. Winston  
Clerk.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

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INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

ss.

I, JAMES A. WINSTON, Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the 2 day of March 1899, at M., and duly recorded in Book G, Marriage Record, Page 447.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Muskogee, in said Territory,

this 2 day of March A.D. 1899.  
J. A. Winston, Clerk.

By Deputy.

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J. A.

# MARRIAGE LICENSE

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District

ss.

No. 1626

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage---Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to Solemnize the Rite and publish the  
Banns of Matrimony between Mr. Richard Shankling,  
of Chautau, in the Indian Territory, aged 43 years, and  
Miss Mary Rider, of Chautau, in the  
Indian Territory, aged 20 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this  
License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Muskogee, Indian Territory, this 3 day of

February, A.D. 1899

J. J. J. J. J.  
Clerk of the U.S. Court.

By

W. J. J. J. Deputy.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District

ss.

I, Joseph Ross, a Minister of the Gospel,  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 1899,  
I did duly and according to law as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish  
the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 1899.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Northern District,

Book

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Page 88.

attest L. J. J. J.  
L. J. J. J.

Joseph Ross  
A Minister of the Gospel.

NOTE: This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 809.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Nelson Shankling

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE, Nation.

Approved,

MAY 22 1901

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED  
MAY 22 1901

*[Signature]*  
S. J. HARRIS, CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Nelson Shaukling, born on the 27 day of Nov., 1900  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Richard Shaukling, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Shaukling, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Chouteau I T

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Mary Shaukling, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Richard Shaukling, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 27 day of Nov., 1900 that said child has been  
named Nelson Shaukling, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Mary Shaukling

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of May, 1901.

J. P. Bludsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Eady Rider, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Shaukling wife of Richard Shaukling  
on the 27 day of Nov., 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Nelson Shaukling.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Maggie Eddings  
Belle Bludsoe

Eady Rider  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of May, 1901.

J. P. Bludsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN, 809

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Sella Shaukling*  
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved, **MAY 22 1901** 190

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

**FILED**  
**MAY 22 1901**

*[Signature]*  
Acting Chairman

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Della Shankling born on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of May, 1891.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Henry Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Shankling, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Cherokee

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Indian Territory,

North

District.

I, Mary Shankling, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Henry Vann, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of May, 1891 that said child has been  
named Della Shankling, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Mary Shankling

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

J. P. Bludsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Indian Territory,

North

District.

I, Eady Rider, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Shankling not the Henry Vann  
wife of Henry Vann  
on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of May, 1891 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Della Shankling.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Maggie Edginge  
Belle BludsoeEady Rider  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

J. P. Bludsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.

IN RE  
Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Cornelius Shankling*  
as a citizen of  
CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved, MAY 22 1901  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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MAY 22 1901

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of **Cornelius Shankling** born on the **25** day of **March**, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: **Henry Vane**, a citizen of the **Cherokee** Nation.  
Name of Mother: **Mary Shankling**, a citizen of the **Cherokee** Nation.  
Post-office: **Benton, I.T.**

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Indian Territory,

**Arthum** District.

I, **Mary Shankling**, on oath state that I am **21**  
years of age and a citizen, by **adoption** of the **Cherokee** Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of **Henry Vane**, who is a citizen, by  
**adoption** of the **Cherokee** Nation, that a **male** child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the **25** day of **March**, 1897, that said child has been  
named **Cornelius Shankling**, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **20** day of **May**, 1901.

**J. O. Blodgett**  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Indian Territory,

**Arthum** District.

I, **Eady Rider**, a **midwife**, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. **Mary Shankling**, wife of **Henry Vane**,  
on the **25** day of **March**, 1897, that there was born to her on  
said date a **male** child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named **Cornelius Shankling**.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

**Maggie Eddings**  
**Belle Blodgett**

**Eady Rider**  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **20** day of **May**, 1901.

**J. O. Blodgett**  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



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After the hot warred and cold civil strife, the

Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, March 13th, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Mary Shankling  
for the enrollment of herself and her children,  
Della, Cornelius and Nelson Shankling, as Cherokee Freedmen. Cherokee, 19009.

William Rider, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. What is your name? A. William Rider.  
Q. How old are you? A. I don't know how old I am. I never did know my age. I guess I am along about 58.  
Q. What is your post office? A. Choteau.  
Q. Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Do you know Mary Shankling? A. Yes, sir; she is my daughter.  
Q. How old is she? A. I reckon she is about 20 years old. I never knowed their ages..  
Q. She must be about 23? A. Yes, sir; 23 I reckon.  
Q. Where were you living when your daughter was born? A. Gooseneck Bend.  
Q. In the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Your daughter's name is on the roll of 1880? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Has she been living in the Cherokee Nation since that time? A. Yes, sir; don't know no place only it.  
Q. You have been living in the Cherokee Nation since 1880? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. When was your daughter Mary married? A. I don't know what year it was. I have no recollection. Of course I couldn't----  
Q. Before the children were born? A. No, she had two children before she was married.  
Q. Della and Cornelius? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Was her present husband the father of those children? A. No, she was just loose when she got them; wasn't married at all.  
Q. She wasn't married at all? A. No, sir.  
Q. What is her present husband's name? A. Richard Shankling.  
Q. He is a state man? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. He isn't claiming any rights? A. No, sir.  
Q. Has he lived with your daughter ever since he married her? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. In the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. How many children has your daughter got? A. Three  
Q. The oldest one is Della? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. That child is about 8 years old? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Shankling isn't the father of that child? A. No.  
Q. Cornelius is the next one? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. About 6 years old? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. It appears that Henry Vann was the father of those two children? A. Yes, sir; Henry Vann, according to her claim.  
Q. By what name were those children known before she got married? A. Vann.

Q. After she got married was called then Shunkling? A. He did, I suppose. She always calls them Yank but he wanted them to go by his name.

Q. They are known now as Della and Cornelius Shunkling?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. The youngest child is Nelson? A. Yes, sir.

Q. That is her child by her present husband? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have those three children always lived with her?

A. Yes, sir, always lived with her.

Q. Living with her now? A. Yes, sir.

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Jesse O. Carr on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Jesse O. Carr.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1903.

*Samuel Foreman.*

Notary Public.





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WILLIAM A. BOYD, JR.

Two: A Yes, say  
I have been told that you have given me as your all living  
and I am all right.

the above mentioned roll of Charles Freeman examined and  
found that the same was a copy of the original and was  
not a duplicate of the original.

None. Roots on page 385, No. 1007, Delaware district.

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Wilson Moore on page 884, No. 89, Delaware district.

Lucky Moore on page 824, No. 32, Delaware district.

File Moore on page 884, No. 88, Baltimore district.

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Q Is there an "H" in this Thomas, name? A Yes, sir, he is

newspaper for my brother.

Q You want that "H" kept in there? A Yes, sir.

John E. D. Moore on page 824, No. 100, Delaware district.

Alexander Moore on page 684, No. 101, Delaware district.

6 Has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Well.

largest before the war. During of the war.

Q You were out a little while during the war, were you? A Yes, sir.

Domestication: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and six minor children. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life except a brief absence during the Civil War, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

War. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her wife is identified with him on the rolls of 1880 and 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokees Nation all her life except a brief absence during the Civil War.

will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
only identified on the roll of 1886; they are living, and they  
Sophie; Thomas R., John W. D., and Alexander Moore, are all  
The six children named in the testimony, Mary, Eliza,

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the Commission to the Five Divided Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th of May, 1909.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wash., D.C., May 11, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Nelson Moore for the enrollment of himself, his wife and six children as Cherokee Freedmen.  
Nelson Moore, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Nelson Moore.
- Q The do you want to have put on the roll, anybody besides yourself?
- A My wife and children, yes, sir.
- Q How many children? A She has ten children.
- Q Are they all under 21 years of age? A No, sir, there is four of them of age.
- Q These six, are they unmarried? A Well, two of them is married.
- Q Well, they will have to apply for themselves; that brings you down to four? A Yes, sir.
- Q You apply then for yourself, wife and four children? A There is ten in all.
- Q But all except four of the children will apply for themselves, because you have got six either 21 years of age or unmarried? A Two of them married are 21 years old.
- Q Then you apply for yourself, wife and six children? A Yes, sir.
- Q What is your age? A 48.
- Q What is your post office? A Ketchum.
- Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.
- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have lived in it all my life pretty near, except a little piece during the war, I was brought here before the war.
- Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.
- Q Give me the name of your father? A His name was Anderson Moore.
- Q Is he alive? A No, sir, I don't reckon he is, I haven't seen him ever since before the war.
- Q Give me the name of your mother? A Chaney Rowe.
- Q Is she alive? A No, sir, she is dead.
- Q How long has she been dead? A She died last April I think, if I mistake not, last spring.
- Q Give me the name of your wife? A Rosa Moore.
- Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q How old is she? A She is 48, same age as me.
- Q How long have you been married? A About 27 years.
- Q Give me the name of her father? A His name was Jack Musgrove.
- Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long has he been dead? A I don't know, it has been quite a while, I don't know just exactly.
- Q As near as you can come to it? A He died during the Freedman payment I think it was.
- Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Her name was Rachel.
- Q Is she dead? A Why I don't know, she has been gone ever since before the war, I can't say; went to Texas before the war.
- Q Give me the names of these six children for whom you apply?
- A Lucy.
- Q You have a list here, Lucy is given as 18 years, is it right?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q These are all children of yours and your present wife?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Now the next child is given as Ella, 16 years of age: is that right? A Yes, sir.
- Q The next child is given as Sophia, 14 years of age, that is right is it? A Yes, sir.
- Q The next child is given as Thomas, 11 years of age? A That is right.
- Q The next child is given as John E. D. Moore, 8 years of age: is that right? A Yes, sir.
- Q The next child is given as Alexander, 8 years of age: is that

Nelson Moore - R.

Right? A Yes, sir.

Q. The next child is given as Robert? A Well, that is one of my daughter's little children; she is out there.

Q. Well, we will leave that out? A Yes, sir.

Q. We have six of yours without counting in that grandchild?

A Yes, sir.

Q. Are these children that you have given here to you all living now? A Yes, sir, they are all living.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Nelson Moore on page 885, No. 1888, Delaware district.

Rosa Moore on page 885, No. 1883, Delaware district.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon, page 883 and number as follows:

Nelson Moore on page 884, No. 89, Delaware district.

Rosa Moore on page 884, No. 90, Delaware district.

Lucy Moore on page 884, No. 95, Delaware district.

Ella Moore on page 884, No. 96, Delaware district.

Sophia Moore on page 884, No. 97, Delaware district.

Thomas Moore on page 884, No. 98, Delaware district, as Thomas H. Moore.

Q. Is there an "H" in this Thomas' name? A Yes, sir, he is named for my brother.

Q. You want that "H" kept in there? A Yes, sir.

John E. D. Moore on page 884, No. 100, Delaware district.

Alexander Moore on page 884, No. 101, Delaware district.

Q. Where is your wife now? A She is at home.

Q. Has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Well, except before the war, during of the war.

Q. You were out a little while during the war, were you? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and six minor children. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life except a brief absence during the Civil War, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

His wife is identified with him on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life except a brief absence during the Civil War. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The six children named in the testimony, Lucy, Ella, Sophia, Thomas H., John E. D., and Alexander Moore, are all duly identified on the roll of 1896; they are living, and they will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 14th of May, 1902.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 11, 1901.

Post Office

Ketchum, I. T.

District

Del.

1. Name

Nelson Moore

Age 48

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1881

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No.

1462

District

Del.

Parents:

Father

Anderson Moore

Citizenship

Col.

Mother

Cherry Moore

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Rosa Moore

Age 48

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

1463

District

Del.

Parents:

Father

Jack Musgrove

Citizenship

Col.

Mother

Rachel

Citizenship

"

Names of Children:

3.

Lucy Moore

Year

1896

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Ellen

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Sophia

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Thomas

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John C. D.

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Alexander

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Application made by

Nelson Moore

Stenographer

Jones

Ms. 1 on 1896 rec p. 434

No. 89

Del. Dist

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Ms. 2 on 1896 rec p. 11

Ms. 90

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Rosa Moore.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., April 20, 1903.

In the matter of the application of NELSON MOORE, for the enrollment of himself, his wife ROSA MOORE, and his children, LUCY, ELLA, SOPHIA, THOMAS H. JOHN N. D. and ALEXANDER MOORE, as Cherokee Freedmen:

EDWARD BLYTHE, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

Q What is your name ? A Edward Blythe.  
Q How old are you ? A Why I am about thirty two years old now.  
Q What is your post office ? A Well my post office right at the present is Chaffee, when I enrolled here at Vinita why it was Spavinaw.  
Q Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation ? A Yes sir.  
Q How; what kind of a citizen ? A Why I am a Freedman citizen.  
Q Are you a married man ? A Yes sir, I am married now.  
Q What is your wife's name ? A Lucy Moore.  
Q Is she a daughter of Nelson and Rosa Moore ? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is your wife ? A She's twenty years old now.  
Q When were you married to her ? A About three months ago.  
Q Do you know the date of your marriage ? A No sir, I don't exactly.  
Q Last January was it ? A I don't know exactly, I aint no scholar at all.  
Q Have you got a marriage certificate ? A At home I have.  
Q Where is your marriage certificate ?  
A They are at home.  
Q Will you send it in to the Commission when you go home ?  
A Yes sir, I can do that very thing.  
Q You think it is about three months ago that you married ?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Who married you ? A A gentleman out here on Grand River named Rev. Jesse Rowe.

E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. C. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this August 4, 1903.

*Samuel Foreman*

Notary Public.



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above and forwarding in a fine and correct copy of the original now in the possession of the records of said office, so hereby certifying that the original and the copy of the same are correct and true.

I, the undersigned, Charles Clark Chorokee Land Office, and Vincent I. T. Smith, Esq., April 23, 1905.

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Department of the Interior.

Чубе. V. Davidovich, Clerk.

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I, Charles M. Davidson, Clerk of the United States Court in the

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A Minister of the Gospel.

1887a Rowe

Witness my hand this 5 day of November, A. D. 1803.

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Northwestern District  
Indian Territory  
United States of America  
) ss.  
) ss.

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF TEXAS

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For the purpose commended to you, the life and supplies are being sent and person authorized for you to be supplied with the following:

North District  
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United States of  
America, ) ss.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE.

United States of America, )  
Indian Territory, ) ss.  
Northern District, )

No. 882

To any person authorized by law to solemnize marriage--greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to solemnize the rite and publish the banns  
of matrimony between Mr. Edwin Dwyer of Spawina, in the Indian  
Territory, aged 32 years, and Miss Lucy Moore of Spawina, in the  
Indian Territory, aged 19 years, according to law, and do you offi-  
cially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.  
WITNESS my hand and official seal at Vinita, Indian Territory, this  
26 day of January, A. D. 1903.

Chas. A. Davidson,  
Clerk of the U. S. Court.

By T. A. Chandler, Deputy,

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America, )  
Indian Territory, ) ss.  
Northern District, )

I, Jessie Rowe, a Minister of the Gospel, do hereby certify,  
that on the 2 day of February, A. D. 1903, I did duly and according  
to law as commanded in the foregoing license, solemnize the rite  
and publish the banns of matrimony between the parties therein  
named.

WITNESS my hand this 2 day of February, A. D. 1903.  
My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United  
States Court, Indian Territory, Northern District, Book B., Page 192.

Jessie Rowe,  
A Minister of the Gospel.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

United States of America, )  
Indian Territory, ) ss.  
Northern District, )

I, Charles A. Davidson, Clerk of the United States Court in the  
Northern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the in-  
strument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the 16  
day of February, 1903, and duly recorded in Book A, Marriage Record,  
Page 354.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Vinita, in said Territory,  
this 28 day of February, A. D. 1903.

Chas. A. Davidson, Clerk.

Department of the Interior,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Vinita, I. T., April 27, 1903.

I, the undersigned, Chief Clerk Cherokee Land Office, and  
custodian of the records of said Office, do hereby certify that the  
above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original now  
on file in the said Cherokee Land Office.

  
Chief Clerk Cherokee Land Office.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27 day of April, 1903.

  
Notary Public.

Cherokee 2-12

Indian Territory, April 27, 1903.

Lucy Blythe,

C/o Edwin Blythe,

Spavinsaw, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The marriage license and certificate forwarded to the Commission showing your marriage on February 2, 1903, to Edwin Blythe is herewith returned to you, a copy of same having been made and filed with your application for enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Respectfully,

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Chairman.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 11, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Emily J. Moore for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Emily J. Moore, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Speckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Emma Moore.  
Q Who is it you want to have enrolled, just yourself A Myself and two children.  
Q How old are you? A 30 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum, I. T.  
Q What is your district? A Delaware district.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q On all the rolls? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Nelson Moore.  
Q Your father is living is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Rosa Moore.  
Q She is living is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Herbert Moore.  
Q How old is Herbert? A 6 years old.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Helen.  
Q How old is that child? A She is 2 years old.  
Q Are these children both living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q You have never been married? A No, sir.  
Q These are your own children? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you an "F" in your name? A It is a "J"  
Q Your name is Emma J is it? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 285, No. 1245, Delaware district, as Emily F. Moore.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Emily J. Moore on page 634, No. 92, Delaware district, as Emma J. Moore.  
Q Is there an "L" in your child Herbert's name? A Yes, sir.  
Herbert L. Moore on page 634, No. 115, Delaware district.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and two children. She is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. She has never been married, but she states that the children are her natural children and the elder of the two, Herbert L. Moore, is identified on the roll of 1896. This child will not be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. When the applicant presents the Commission with a proper certificate of birth of her younger child, Helen Moore, this child also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Brace G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 14th of May, 1901.

*Brace G. Jones*  
*[Signature]*



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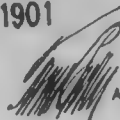
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 11-1901

Post Office

Kitchum P. I.

District

Del.

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife

Emily J. Moore

Age 24.

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1882

Page 285-

No. 1665-

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Nelson Moore

Citizenship

Col.

Mother

Rosey

Citizenship

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Names of children:

2.

Herbert L. Moore

Year 1896

Page 634

No. 115-

Dist.

Del.

3.

Helen

Year

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Dist.

Application made by

Emily J. Moore

Stenographer

J. J. Jones

No. 1 on 1881 roll as Emily J. Moore.

" 1 " 1896 on p. 634-7092 of Emma J.

Moore Del.

No. 3 Proof of birth to be supplied

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Pelen Moore

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved.

May 21

1901



Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Helen Moore, born on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1899  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Harry Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Emily Moore, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Ketchum

### AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER. 1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Emily J. Moore, on oath state that I am 26  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Harry Martin, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
 (male or female.)  
 born to me on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1899; that said child has been  
 named Helen Moore, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses) }

Emily J. Moore

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

### AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Jennie Buford, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Emily J. Moore, lawful wife of Harry Martin  
 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1899, that there was born to her on  
 said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female.)  
 named Helen Moore.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses)

Wm. Ridge  
Joseph Hardman

Jennie X Buford  
 her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, P. T. July 3, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Emily J. Adams for the enrollment of herself and children, Herbert L. and Helen Marie, as Cherokee Freedmen, Cherokee B-211.

EMILY J. ADAMS, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Emily J. Adams.  
Q How old are you? A 26.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum.  
Q You are a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A John W. Adams.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and he living together? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A The 2nd day of June, 1904.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes sir, he is a citizen, - his people are all citizens, I don't know whether he is on the roll or not.  
Q Does he claim to be a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know whether or not he made application for enrollment?  
A No sir, I do not.

Commission:

Examination has been made of the Commission's records and it does not appear that any application has ever been made to it for the enrollment as Cherokee Freedman of any such person as John W. Adams.

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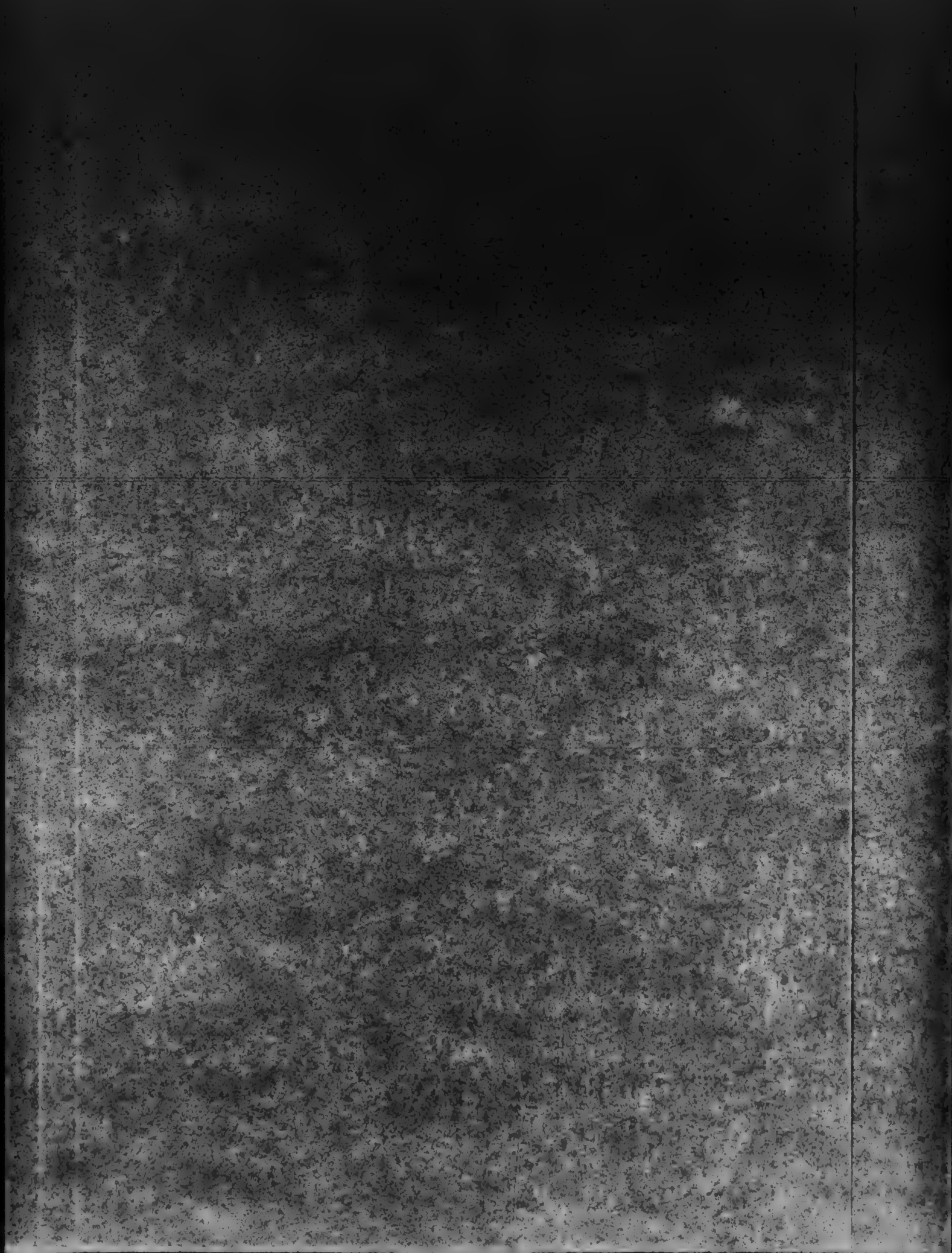
Mary B. Risser, being duly sworn, states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the testimony in his case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes thereon.

*Mary B. Risser*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 7th day of July, 1904.

*John W. Adams*  
Notary Public.





Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 11, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lewis Moore for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman.

Lewis Moore, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Lewis Moore.  
Q Who is it you want to have put on the roll? A Just myself.  
Q How old are you? A 31 years.  
Q What is your post office? A Belaware.  
Q In what district do you live? A Belaware district.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Nelson Moore.  
Q He is alive, is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Rosa Moore.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and parents of applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Rosa Moore on page 333, Vol. 1863, Geocreesococbe district;  
The 1890 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 254, No. 24, Belaware dist.

Nelson Moore, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give your name? A Nelson Moore.  
Q What is your age? A 48.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum.  
Q Are you the Nelson Moore who was enrolled a while ago?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Is this applicant your son? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he the son of your wife Rosa? A Yes, sir.  
Q It seems he isn't enrolled in 1880, do you remember anything about that? A Yes, sir, it seems like he ought to be enrolled; I don't know.  
Q When was he 21, this boy? A He was 21 the 6th of April, just 21.

Commissioner: The applicant seems to be too young to have been upon the roll of 1880, but his mother is identified upon that roll, as well as his father, who has just been enrolled. The name of the applicant is found on the roll of 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman, and is shown to be of the father and mother who are identified on the roll of 1880. The applicant has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 14th of May, 1901.

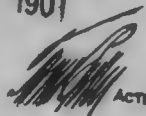
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Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 11- 1901

Post Office

Kitchum.

District

Del.

1. Name

Lewis Moore

Age

21

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1896

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No.

24

District

Del.

Parents:

Father

Julian Moore

Citizenship

Col.

Mother

Mary

Citizenship

1.

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Lewis Moore

Stenographer

— Jones









Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Washita, I.T., May 11, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Laura Rowe for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen.

Laura Rowe, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Laura Rowe.  
Q Who is it you want to have put on the roll, just yourself?  
A Myself and one child.  
Q How old are you? A 33.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Lewis Rowe.  
Q Is he alive? A No, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He died the 18th of last May.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Chaney Rowe.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She died on the 18th of last March.  
Q Were your father and mother recognized Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A Charity Charlotta Rowe.  
Q How old is that child? A She is 14.  
Q Is the child living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever been married? A No, sir.  
Q Is that your own natural child? A Yes, sir.  
The 1886 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 303, No. 2115, Delaware district.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant not identified thereon.  
Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money? A Yes, sir, I didn't draw for her though; they couldn't find her name.  
The Kerns-Clifton pay-roll examined the the applicant Laura Rowe identified thereon, page 4, No. 28, Delaware district.  
Q This child isn't on any roll is it? A I don't know, they couldn't find it when they paid us off.  
Q You have never been able to find it on any roll? A No, sir.  
Q Is there anybody here who knows that this is your child?  
A Yes, sir, Nelson Moore.

Nelson Moore, being examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Nelson Moore.  
Q How old are you? A 49.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life, excepting just what time I went to Kansas during the late war, and moved back here.  
Q Is the applicant here your daughter? A No, sir.  
Q What kin is she to you? A Me and her is cousins.  
Q She is the daughter of Lewis Rowe? A Yes, sir.  
Q And her mother, what is her name? A Her mother's name is Charity.  
Q Did they ever call her Chaney? A Yes, sir, Chaney Rowe.  
Q What is the given name of this woman? A We call her Maud, Laura is her name.  
Q Has this woman a child? A Yes, sir.

Laura Rowe - 2.

- Q What is the child's name? A ~~Charity~~ Well, I don't know.  
Q Do they call it Charity Rowe? A Charity Rowe is what they call it.  
Q Did you ever hear it called Charity Hare? A No, sir, not that I know of.  
Q You don't call it by that? A No, sir.  
Q About how old is that child? A She is about 12 or 13, as near as I can come at it.  
Q Do you know this to be the natural child of this woman? A Yes, sir, I have seen her suckle it and raised it.  
Q Have you known the child ever since it was born? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is it living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q It is recognized by everybody in the neighborhood as her child?  
A Yes, sir.

Laura Rowe, recalled, testified:

- Q Now do you want this child enrolled as Hare or Rowe? A Hare.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and one child. The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Karna-Glifton roll as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her child is 14 years of age, and is not identified on any roll. It is shown by satisfactory testimony to be her natural child. It is living at this time, and will be listed for enrollment under the name of Charity C. Hare as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce G. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 14th of May, 1901.

W. A. Jones

Commissioner.

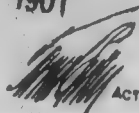
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 11-1901.  
 United States  
 Delaware.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

12. Name of wife Laura Rowe Age 33

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 303 No. 2115 District Del.

Parents:

Father Lewis Rowe - d - Citizenship Col.Mother Chany " " Citizenship "

Names of Children:

28. Charity C. Rowe Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. 14 yrs

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11. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 8/3

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

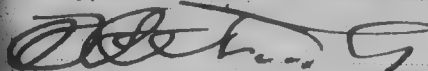
INFANT CHILD

Charity C. Nave

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE Nation.

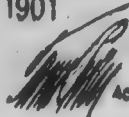
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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Charity C. Nave (Here insert name of child.) born on the 8th day of Feb- 1887  
Name of Father: Larn Greenway, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Laura Rowe, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita, OK.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Laura Rowe, on oath state that I am 33  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Larn Greenway, who is a citizen, by  
blood, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 8th day of Feb- 1887, that said child has been  
named Charity C. Nave, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

x Laura Rowe

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Eliza Fulsom, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Laura Rowe unlawful wife of Larn Greenway.  
on the 8th day of Feb- 1887, that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Charity C. Nave.  
(male or female.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Eliza Fulsom  
mark

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Ballie C. Herrick  
Florence Lane

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

my com- Exp- April 15-1903,

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE  
Cherokee, N. C., September 22, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Laura Rowe for the  
enrollment of herself and daughter Charity C. Rowe as Cherokee  
Freemen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY:

LAURA CARSON, being duly sworn and examined by the  
Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Laura Carson.  
Q How old are you? A 37.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Lenoir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Tom Carson.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freeman? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A In 1901.  
Q What date? A 20 of October.  
Q Are you and Tom Carson living together now? A Yes sir.

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenog-  
rapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly  
recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the fore-  
going is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes  
taken therein.

Clinton W. Myers

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 22 day of September, 1904.

William P. Drew  
Notary Public.







Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 12th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Albert Dixon for the enrollment of his three half brothers, GEORGE ROSS, LETHA DIXON and WILEY DIXON as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Albert Dixon.  
Q How old are you? A. 28.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Dewey.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Geoweescoowee.  
Q Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A. No sir of the United States.  
Q For whom do you apply for enrollment at this time? A. My three half brothers.  
Q What are their names? A. George Ross.  
Q How old is he? A. 15.  
Q What is the other child's name? A. Letha Dixon.  
Q How old is this one? A. 13.  
Q Next child? A. Wiley Dixon.  
Q How old? A. 9.  
Q What is the name of the father of these children? A. Joe Dixon.  
Q Is he the father of all of them? A. No sir.  
Q Of whom? A. Letha and Wiley Dixon.  
Q Who is the father of George Ross? A. Hector Ross.  
Q Are the fathers of these children living? A. No sir both dead.  
Q Who is the mother of these Dixon children? A. Elizabeth Dixon.  
Q Is she living? A. No sir.  
Q Was she married to Joe Dixon? A. Yes sir.  
Q Was she married to Hector Ross? A. Yes sir I think she was.  
Q She is also the mother of George Ross then? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of Elizabeth Dixon's father? A. I don't know.  
Q What was the name of her mother? A. I don't know, she went by the name of Alberty before she was married.  
Q How old would she be were she alive now? A. About 40.  
Q She is not living you say? A. No sir.  
Q Where do these children live? Where does George Ross live? A. He is not living any where in particular, just working where he can, he is an orphan; I have the child Letha in my charge.  
Q Where is Wiley? A. He lives with Mr. Watson.  
Q What relation did you say you were to these children? A. Their half brother.  
Q Who was your father? A. Joe Dixon.  
Q Who was your mother? A. She has been dead long ago.  
Q Your father is not a citizen? A. No sir.  
Q And your mother was also not a citizen? A. No sir.  
Q You claim citizenship for these children through their mother Alberty? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you any evidence to show that the mother of these children was ever married to their fathers? A. No sir, The Court told us to have them enrolled.  
Q What court? A. The United States court.  
Q Is there a case pending there in which the citizenship of these children is involved? A. Yes sir for some rents.  
Q You say ~~that~~ their mother's name is on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did you see it? A. Yes sir.

By W. W. Hastings, Cherokee Representative:

- Q Do you know where these children were born? A. Yes sir, in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q In Geoweescoowee district? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did these children draw money? A. Yes sir.  
Q By the same names as you have given in here? A. Yes sir, not all of them though, not all born at that time; their mother did.  
Q When did their mother die? A. Two years before the strip payment.

Albert Dixon 3.

Q Do you mean to say that these children were not all born before the Strip payment? A. Oh no sir, the other payment.

Q Did these children all draw their strip money? A. Yes sir.

By the Commission:

Q How many children did Lizzie Ross have to your knowledge? A. Rachel, Tom, Wiley, Leatha, George and Minnie, that is all I can recollect.

Q Are those all Elizabeth Ross's children? A. Yes sir by different fathers.

By W. V. Hastings:

Q This Lizzie Ross that you speak of with these three children, Tom, Rachel and Sam on the roll of 1880, is she the same woman who is the mother of the children for whom you now apply? A. Yes sir.  
Q Lizzie and Tom and Sam are dead are they not? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's mother identified thereon as follows:

Page 161, No 2311, Lizzie Ross, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1886 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant George Ross identified thereon at page 418, No. 518, in Cooweescoowee district.

Q These three children are all living are they? A. Yes sir.

Q And you are their half brother by the same father? A. Yes sir.

The 1886 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Page 401, No. 135, Latha A. Dixon, Cooweescoowee district.

Page 401, No. 136, Wiley Dixon, Cooweescoowee district.

NOTE: Tom Ross Guardian.

By Com'r Needles:-

Albert Dixon applies for the enrollment of his three half brothers, George Ross, Leatha and Wiley Dixon. He avers that they are the children of Elizabeth Dixon and the said Elizabeth Dixon was at one time known as Elizabeth Ross, and the name of Elizabeth Ross the mother of said children is duly identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Lizzie Ross. The names of the said George Ross, Leatha and Wiley Dixon are identified on the census roll of 1886; they are all duly identified according to the page and number of the roll as indicated in the testimony and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said George Ross, Leatha and Wiley Dixon will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*

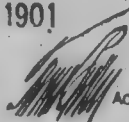
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 14, 1901  
 Post Office Quincy St.  
 District Coo.

1. Name ..... Age .....  
 Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
 Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....  
 Mother ..... Citizenship .....

2. Name of wife ..... Age .....  
 Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
 Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father Wiley Dixon ..... Citizenship .....  
 Mother ..... Citizenship .....

Names of Children:

|    |                    |                  |                 |                |                   |           |
|----|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1  | <u>George Ross</u> | Year <u>1846</u> | Page <u>418</u> | No. <u>572</u> | Dist. <u>Coo.</u> | <u>15</u> |
| 2  | <u>Litha Dixon</u> | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>401</u> | No. <u>125</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>    | <u>13</u> |
| 3  | <u>Wiley</u>       | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>441</u> | No. <u>126</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>    | <u>9</u>  |
| 6  |                    | Year             | Page            | No.            | Dist.             |           |
| 7  |                    | Year             | Page            | No.            | Dist.             |           |
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Application made by Albert Dixon (half br.) Stenographer Chas. von Weiz

2 Oct 1846 rolls Litha A Dixon  
 3 " 1846 Wiley

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., February 16, 1908.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
GEORGE ROSS, and LETHIA and WILMY DIXON, as Cherokee Freedmen:

FRANK M. OVERLEES, being first duly sworn, and examined,  
testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

- Q State your name? A Frank M. Overlees.  
Q Your age? A Thirty seven.  
Q Your post office address? A Bartlesville, I. T.  
Q You are a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know George Ross, a colored man? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is he? A I don't want to swear to his age because  
he don't know and his folks don't know.  
Q Is he under age? A He's under age; that is, they say he  
is nineteen years old.  
Q He is a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir said to be.  
Q Do you know the name of his father? A No sir.  
Q Know his mother's name? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her name? A Her name was by her last husband,  
Eliza Dixon.  
Q Was she ever known as Eliza Ross? A I don't know.  
Q She is the mother of this George Ross? A Said to be.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Said to be.  
Q Do you know a half-sister of George Ross, Lethia Dixon? Is it  
Lethia or Letha? A It is Letha the way they call it.  
Q How do they pronounce it as a rule? A Letha.  
Q Is Eliza Dixon her mother? A Said to be.  
Q Do you know Letha's brother Wiley? A Yes sir.  
Q That's her full brother by the same mother? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know their father Joe Dixon? A Yes sir.  
Q He is not a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Is he living with Eliza Dixon? A Not now, he's dead.  
Q Were they married? A I don't know; they lived together  
I know.  
Q For how long? A I don't know; I knew them to be living  
together for six or seven years.  
Q Were these two children born while they were living together?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Were they living in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know how long Eliza Dixon has lived in the Cherokee  
Nation? A No sir.  
Q How long have you known her? A I knew her for five or six  
years.  
Q For the past five or six years? A No sir, she's dead now.  
Q When did she die? A About five years ago.  
Q How long had you known her prior to her death?  
A About six years.  
Q You knew her, then, eleven years ago? A Yes sir.  
Q Was she residing in the Cherokee Nation then? A Yes sir.  
Q How old was she? A I don't know.  
Q Was she old enough to have been a slave?  
A I should think so.  
Q You don't know whether she was a slave? A No sir.  
Q She never lived out of the Cherokee Nation as long as you knew  
her? A No sir.



Q Where have these children been living since her death?  
 A Wiley Ross is here in Vineta.  
 Q You mean Wiley Dixon? A Wiley Dixon, yes sir.  
 Q How long has he been here, ever since his mother died?  
 A Yes sir.  
 Q Who is he living with? A J. H. Watson.  
 Q Where is Letha living? A She's living at Dewey.  
 Q Who with? A Pretty near anybody. Her older brother  
 Albert Dixon takes care of her.  
 Q Where does George Ross live? A He lives at Dewey.  
 Q With his half sister? A Yes sir.

E. C. Bagwell, an oath states that, as stenographer to the  
 Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the  
 testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that  
 the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes  
 thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this March 14, 1903.

Samuel Sherman  
 Notary Public.



FOR

Cherokee 7-214

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T. June 16, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Albert Dixon for the enrollment of George Ross and Betha and Wiley Dixon as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

STICK ROSS, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Stick Ross.  
Q How old are you? A About 56 I think.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you know George Ross? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he related to you? A My half brother.  
Q How old is he? A He is somewhere between twenty-three and twenty-four. He is a little older than my oldest boy and he is twenty-two.  
Q Born before your son was he? A Yes sir.  
Q When application was made for his enrollment on May 14, 1901, his age was given as 15 at that time, that would make him about 18 now? A That was a mistake, whoever gave his age in then was mistaken. I don't know just what year it was, but I went out to see my father and stayed a week and he was a little boy then, just a baby and I came back here and the next two or three years my boy was born and my boy will be 23 in August.  
Q What year was it you went out to your father's? A I can't remember.  
Q You are sure that George Ross is older than your son who is now 22 are you? A Yes sir.  
Q This George Ross is a son of Hector Ross and Eliza Dixon?  
A Yes sir, thats right.

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Mary B. Kisser, being sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 16th day of June, 1904.

*Mary B. Kisser*  
*J. B. Kisser*  
Notary Public.

Wabash, Indian Territory, July 11, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to schedule No. 4 of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation, heretofore forwarded to the Department, the Commission has the honor to report that the age of George Ross, appearing opposite No. 2876, should appear thereon as twenty-one, instead of sixteen.

Testimony was introduced before the Commission on June 10, 1904, showing that the age of George Ross was given erroneously at the time of the application for his enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, as fifteen years.

The Commission, therefore, respectfully recommends that the copies of this schedule retained by the Department and in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, be corrected so that the age of George Ross, opposite No. 2876, will appear thereon as twenty-one, instead of fifteen years, and that the Commission be directed to make similar changes upon the copies

The Secretary of the Interior

of the Bureau of Indian Affairs

A copy of the document above referred to, is enclosed  
herewith.  
Respectfully,

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Special Agent

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Special Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent

Through the  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs

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Encl 2-121



Letter in reply to  
the following  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, August 1, 1904

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior

Sir:

There is enclosed a report of the Commission dated July 11, 1904, which shows that the age of George Ross, No. 2876, approval partial roll of Cherokee freedmen, should appear on said roll as 21 years, instead of 15 years. The statements of the Commission are borne out by the testimony of Stick Ross, a half brother of George Ross.

It is recommended that the proper correction be made on the roll on file with the Department, and that the office and the Commission be authorized to correct their rolls accordingly.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Tanner,

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ITD 2154-1904

WASHINGTON

August 4, 1904

L. R. S.

The Commission,

to the five civilized tribes.

Gentlemen:

On July 11, 1904, your Commission reported that the age of the citizen George Ross, whose name is shown opposite No. 2876 on approved partial roll of Cherokee freedmen, as fifteen, is erroneous and should be changed to twenty-one, in accordance with the testimony of Stick Ross, before the Cherokee Land Office on June 16, 1904, copy of which you transmitted.

Agreeably, therefore, to your recommendation, you are hereby authorized to correct said partial roll so that the age of said George Ross will be shown as twenty-one instead of fifteen.

The Department has corrected its copy of the roll in the particular noted, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs authorized to make a corresponding change on the copy of the roll in his possession.

A copy of the Acting Commissioner's letter of the 1st instant, concurring in your recommendation, is inclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

(Signed) THOS. RYAN

Acting Secretary.

1 inclosure.

Cherokee Freedmen  
New Ark.  
Washburn, Indian Territory, August 12, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith enclosed a copy of departmental letter of August 4, granting the Commission's request of July 11, to correct schedule No. 3 of Cherokee Freedmen, so that the age of George Ross, whose name appears opposite No. 2876 thereon, will be given as twenty-one instead of fifteen years.

You are advised that this change has been made upon the copy of the final roll in this office, and the date of the Department's letter noted opposite said name. The correction has also been entered upon the copy of the card in this case and the following note made thereon:

"Aug. 12, 1904. In accordance with Dept'l letter of Aug. 4, 1904, age of No. 1 changed on final roll to 21. Copy of said letter filed herewith."

In this connection your attention is called to the fact that the final roll gives this applicant's age as sixteen instead of fifteen years.

Respectfully,

Encl. No. 76.

Commissioner in Charge.





Mr. T. T. Edwards and others to before me this 1st of Feb, 1901 as anti-

transcript of the stenographic notes therein.

In the above cases and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the facts as reported in FBI file, the undersigned officer, an Agent, further avows that he is stenographer to the Com-

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Vinita, I. T. May 18th 1898

In the matter of the application of Gealy Johnson and her two children  
as Cherokee Freedmen, and being sworn by Commissioner G. H. Breckinridge,  
Testified as follows:

- Q That is your name? A. Gealy Johnson.  
Q What do you want to have certified? A. My children.  
Q And yourself? A. Yes sir.  
Q How many children? A. Two.  
Q How old are you? A. I am 39 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Nowhere.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Saline.  
Q You apply as a Cherokee Freedman, do you? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other  
tribe? A. No sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Ever since I  
have been born.  
Q You have lived here all your life then? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freed-  
man? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. George Johnson.  
Q Is he alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Jennie Landrum.  
Q Is she dead? A. No sir.  
Q How long has your father been dead? A. I can't say exactly.  
Q About how long? A. About 18 years.  
Q You have been married have you? A. Yes sir.  
Q How many times have you been married? A. Once.  
Q When were you married? A. About four years ago.  
Q Give me the name of your husband? A. Nelson Thompson.  
Q Do you make any application for him? A. No sir.  
Q He didn't marry you under Cherokee law did he? A. No sir under  
United States law.  
Q Have you a marriage certificate? A. Yes sir.

The applicant presents a license issued by the Clerk of the  
United States Court for the Northern District on the Indian  
Territory, authorizing marriage between herself and her husband  
as stated by her, and a certificate showing that she was united  
in marriage in accordance with said license on the 11th day of  
January, 1898. This is filed herewith.

- Q Give me the names of your children? A. Elyard.  
Q How old? A. 18.  
Q Next child? A. Rachel.  
Q How old? A. 15.  
Q These are all your children—both of them? A. Yes sir.  
Q By this present husband? A. Yes sir.  
Q You didn't get out your license to marry though until later? A. No  
sir.  
Q Are these children both living now? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined  
and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 641, No. 591, Gealy Johnsons, Saline district.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the  
name of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 6, No. 157, Gealy Johnson, Saline, District.  
Page 6, No. 158, Elliott Thompson, Saline district.  
Page 6, No. 159, Rachel Thompson, Saline district.

- Q Did you draw your Cherokee Strip money? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did you draw for both of these children? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Breckinridge—The applicant applies for the enrollment of  
herself and the children, Elyard and Rachel Thompson; she is  
identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns Clifton roll

As Charles Frederick was born in the Cherokee Nation all his life, his name of name established by a marriage license and certificate filed heretofore, and was will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee by name. Her children are only identified on the Keweenaw roll, they are living, and they will not be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Indians. She makes no application for her husband, who was listed as married only in January 1895, and under David's status law, though they had previously lived together for many years as man and wife and he was the father of the children who are now enrolled.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas. von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*W. H. H. H.*

Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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Acting CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 14, 1901  
Post Office Springer  
District Saline

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife Beatrice Thompson Age 29  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year 1880 Page 641 No. 591 District Saline ?

Parents:

Father George Johnson d. \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship Col.  
Mother Miss Landrum a. \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship Col.

Names of Children:

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| 2. <u>Elyard Thompson</u> | Year <u>1880</u> | Page <u>6</u> | No. <u>138</u> | Dist. <u>Saline</u> | <u>1890</u> |
| 3. <u>Rachel</u>          | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>"</u> | No. <u>139</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>      | <u>15</u>   |
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Application made by

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Wm. 1st 1880 see as Bealy Johnson  
" " 1884, 5. 6. W. 137 of Ely Johnson  
Saline Dist.  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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ACTING CHAIRMAN



CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, JAMES A. WINSTON, Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory,  
do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the 12 day of  
Jan 1898 at \_\_\_\_\_ M., and duly recorded in Book 7, Marriage  
Record, Page 397.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Vinita, in said Territory,  
this 19 day of Jan A.D. 1898  
Jas. A. Winston. Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

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J. A. Winstan  
CLERK.

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

No. 12

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage--Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to Solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. Nelson Thompson of Vinita in the Indian Territory, aged 45 years, and Miss Elie Johnson, of Vinita in the Indian Territory, aged 35 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at <sup>Wagoner</sup> Vinita, Indian Territory, this 11th day of January, A.D. 1898.  
By R. C. Hunter, Deputy. James A. Winstan, Clerk of the U.S. Court.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, James A. Winstan, Clerk of U.S. Court, a Minister of the Gospel, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 11th day of January A.D. 1898, I did duly and according to law as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand this 11th day of January A.D. 1898.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Northern District.

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James A. Winstan, Clerk  
By Robert C. Hunter, Deputy  
A Minister of the Gospel.

NOTE--This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Rachel Thompson

a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

Dec 5

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*W. H. Beckwith*

Commissioner.

Dec 5, 1904

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Rachel Thompson  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Spawnau, Ind. Ter., and died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
September, 1 903  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District. }

I, Jesse Rowe, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my post office address is Ketchum Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
cousin of Rachel Thompson,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Rachel Thompson died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
September, 1 903  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of November 1904  
Samuel Lorman  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

\_\_\_\_\_ District. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
\_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public.





testimony of the witnesses for more than five years. The defendant  
 he has lived in the Cherokee Nation, so far as the present  
 the possession of the Commission, and it is not established that  
 cannot be identified upon any roll of the Cherokee Nation in  
 is claimed that he is a Cherokee Freedman in his own right; he  
 her husband, is shown to have married her some four years ago. It  
 stated for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
 has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she must be  
 testimony of her father as well as her own testimony. She  
 matters. It is established in a satisfactory manner, by the  
 is identified thereon, and the defendant herself is identified  
 as being upon the 1880 unperfected roll, but her deceased mother  
 herself and her husband as Cherokee Freedman. She is too young  
 by Com'r. Brockmeyer. The defendant applies for the enrollment of

Q Has your husband been in prison that you know of? A No sir.  
 Nation examined and the defendant's husband not found thereon.  
 The 1880 census roll, and the Keams-Gifford roll of the Cherokee  
 State's No. 188, Elias Beltrique, deceased deceased plaintiff.  
 name of the defendant identified thereon as follows:  
 The Keams-Gifford roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the

defendant named.  
 Q Did you draw your Cherokee scrip money? A Yes sir, I drew my  
 State's No. 280, Nancy Beltrique, deceased deceased.  
 and the name of the defendant's mother found thereon as follows:  
 The 1880 unperfected roll of the Cherokee Nation examined  
 and the name of the defendant's husband not found thereon.  
 The 1880 unperfected roll of the Cherokee Nation examined

Q Is she dead? A No sir.  
 Q Give me the name of her mother? A Beltrique.  
 Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
 Q Do you know his father's name? A V. No sir.  
 Nation? A No sir.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, L. T., May 14th 1903

In the matter of the application of Eliza Rogers for the enrollment of herself and her husband as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn by Commissioner S. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Eliza Rogers.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled? A. Just myself.  
Q Do you apply as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q How old are you? A. 19, going on 20.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Hetchum.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Delaware.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Jack Baldridge.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Nancy Baldridge.  
Q Is she living? A. No sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. Going on four years.  
Q You are married are you? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A. Sam Rogers.  
Q When were you and he married? A. In 1896.  
Q Have you a marriage certificate? A. No sir.  
Q Is there any one here that knows that you and he were married?  
A Yes sir.

JACK BALDRIDGE, called and sworn as a witness by Commissioner S. R. Breckinridge, testified on the part of the applicant as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Jack Baldridge.  
Q How old are you? A. I dont know sactly.  
Q As near as you can come at it? A. About 46.  
Q What is your post office? A. Vinita.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant here? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is she your daughter? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is her name? A. Eliza.  
Q She is married is she? A. Yes sir.  
Q To whom is she married? A. To Sam Rogers.  
Q A Colored man? A. Yes sir.  
Q He is a State man is he not? A. I dont know sir.  
Q Are he and his wife living together? A. Yes sir.  
Q About how long has it been since she and Sam Rogers were married?  
Q She was married before the Dixon payment.  
Q That was in 1896? A. Yes sir.  
Q She was married before that? A. Yes sir.

Applicant re-called and examined by the Commission:

- Q Why don't you apply for your husband? A. I don't sactly know his age.  
Q Where is he? A. At home on Grand river.  
Q Don't he intend to apply for himself? A. Yes sir.  
Q You and he are living together are you not? A. Yes sir.  
Q You had better apply for him? A. Well.  
Q About how old is he? A. About 56.  
Q Your husband claims to be a freedman of his own right does he?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You dont know how long he has lived in the Cherokee Nation do you?  
A No sir, I dont.  
Q How long as far as you know? How long have you known him? A. I have been knowing him for five years or so.  
Q Has he been living in the Cherokee Nation ever since you knew him?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You dont know where he lived before you married him? A. No sir, he said that he lived on Spring Creek, and then on Grand river, and then on Lightning creek.  
Q Do you know of him living anywhere else besides in the Cherokee

Eliza Rogers 3.

Nation? A. No sir.

Q Do you know his father's name? A. Joe.

Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.

Q Give me the name of his mother? A. Sarah Olines.

Q Is she dead? A. No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's husband not found thereon.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's mother found thereon as follows: Page 281, No. 380, Nancy Baldrige, Delaware district.

Q Did you draw your Cherokee strip money? A. Yes sir, I drew my Freedman money.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows: Page 8, No. 199, Eliza Baldrige, Coowescoowee district.

The 1896 census roll, and the Kerns Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant's husband not found hereon.

Q Has your husband been in prison that you know of? A. No sir.

By Com'r Breckinridge,-- The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and her husband as Cherokee Freedmen. She is too young to be upon the 1880 authenticated roll, but her deceased mother is identified thereon, and the applicant herself is identified on the Kerns-Clifton roll; her change of name arising from marriage, is as established in a satisfactory manner by the testimony of her father as well as by her own testimony. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her husband is shown to have married her some four years ago. It is claimed that he is a Cherokee Freedman in his own right; he cannot be identified upon any roll of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Commission, and it is not established that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation, so far as the present testimony discloses, for more than five years. The application for his enrollment will be listed for rejection, he being classed as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*  
*Commissioner*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MAY 14 1901

 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 14 - 1901  
Ketchum I. S.  
Del.

1. Name

Sam Rogers

Age

26

Owner's name

Citizenship

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No

District

Parents:

Father

Joe Rogers

Citizenship

Mother

Sarah

Citizenship

1 - Name of wife

Olga Rogers

Age

19

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Jack Baldridge

Citizenship

Col.

Mother

Nancy

Citizenship

Col.

Names of Children:

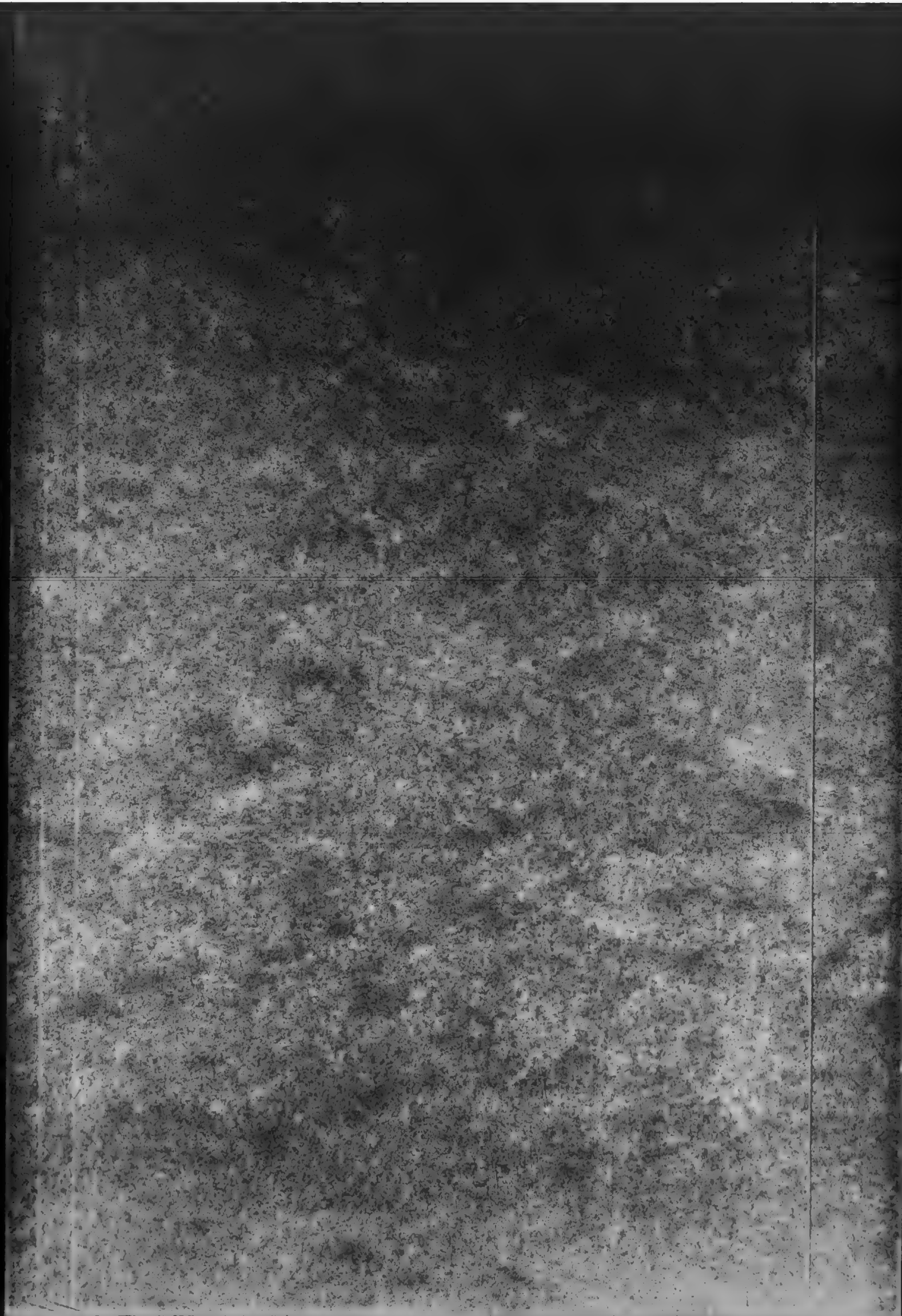
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Application made by

Stenographer

 Mrs. Eliza Baldridge  
 No. 210 R. C. Hall Eliza Baldridge  
 Now living  
 Geo Dist.





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Notes thereon. Following is a full, true and correct statement of his statement regarding the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that he is - The undersigned being duly sworn, states that as a

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and will now be placed for enrollment as a colored citizen  
located in the course of the present year, and the situation  
of the abolition. It is proposed to induce in this matter  
in the state of Texas. In accordance with the notice given  
the collector's wife and the time of a citizen of Texas, and  
at the time of the emancipation of the slaves, the mother of  
became a citizen of the State of Texas and that consequently,  
Gloria was not married at that time, and that her name was

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Department of the Interior.  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, I. T., May 14, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Leander Frye for the enrollment of himself and his wife, Mary Ann Frye, as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner O. B. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Leander Frye.  
Q Was is it you want to apply for: anybody besides yourself? A Myself and wife.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 22 years old, I think.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Admitted on the roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Andy Frye.  
Q Is your father alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Millie Frye.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife. A Mary Ann.  
Q How old is your wife? A She is about 20 years old.  
Q When did you marry her? A About three years ago.  
Q Were you ever married before? A No sir.  
Q Was she ever married before? A No sir.  
Q Is she a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A I don't think she is. Her mother complied with the laws here and regulations, but she has been disputed.  
Q She has never been enrolled? A She is on some of the rolls.  
Q Your wife's mother or your wife? A My wife herself.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's father. A John Kimbo.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother. A Hannah Kimbo.  
Q Is she alive? A No sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead about three years, I think.  
Q Who is there here who knows that you and your wife were married—have you a certificate of marriage, or personal witness? A I don't know whether I have here or not. Mr. Buffington knows we were living together.

Augustus Buffington, being sworn and examined by Commissioner O. B. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Augustus Buffington.  
Q How old are you? A About seventy some odd years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vinita.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I am not able to tell you; I have been here ever since the Cherokees come from Georgia.  
Q Do you know the applicant here? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A 24 or 5 years, I reckon.  
Q Do you know his wife? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known her? A I knowed her ever since she was born; all her life.  
Q What is her name? A Mary Ann Kimbo.  
Q She was a Kimbo when she married this man? A Yes sir.  
Q They are living together as husband and wife? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known them to be living together as husband and wife, as near as you can come to it? A Three or four years.  
Commissioner of Applicant: Had you any brothers or sisters? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you have a sister named Susie? A Yes sir.  
Q Was she older than you? A Yes sir.  
Q And you have a sister named Vicie? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she younger or older than you? A Younger.  
Q Are they both living? A One is living.  
Q Which one? A Susie is living.  
Q You come between them? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you have a sister named Amanda or Manda? A No sir.  
Q You think that Manda is next for your name Leander? A Yes sir.

A. L. F.

They call me Landa.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 359, No. 1090, Landa Frye, Delaware District.

The 1890 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 359, No. 41, Landa Frye, Delaware District.

The 1880 authenticated roll and the 1890 census roll examined for the name of the applicant's wife and her name is not identified thereon.

The Kerns Clifton Roll examined and her name is found on page 179, No. 4405, Mary Ann Kimbrough, Delaware District.

Q What evidence have you that your wife is entitled to enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman of her own right? A The man she came here with in 1866.

Q Who is that man? A Gus Buffington.

Augustus Buffington, recalled, testifies:

Q You stated that you knew this man's wife, Mary Ann Kimbo all her life? A Yes sir.

Q Where has she lived all of her life, in what country? A Right in Delaware District.

Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, raised right there.

Q I believe her mother is dead? A Yes sir.

Q Did you know her mother? A Yes sir.

Q Was her mother a slave in the Cherokee Nation before the war and at the time of the war? A She was.

Q To whom did her mother belong? A She belonged to George Candy.

Q Where did George Candy live? A In Flint District.

Q Did you live in Flint District at that time? A No sir.

Q Where did you live? A In Delaware.

Q To whom did you belong? A To William Buffington.

Q How far did William Buffington live from George Candy in those days? A I am not able to tell you.

Q You were in different districts? A Yes sir, a district between that.

Q You lived a long way apart? A Yes sir.

Q How do you know that Hannah belonged to George Candy, did you just hear so? A I heard so, and I believed that my wife belonged to the same man at the time and Buffington bought her.

Q You think Buffington bought your wife from George Candy? A His stepfather bought her; his wife's father.

Q When did you first see this woman Hannah? A I first saw her in Texas the time of the war.

Q What time did you come back to the Cherokee Nation after the war? A In '66.

Q Who did you come with? A A man by the name of Henry L. Smith.

Q Did this woman Hannah come with you? A Yes sir.

Q How many of you were in the party? A There were three women and five children, myself and wife.

Q Was Henry L. Smith a white man? A Yes sir.

Q Where did he live? A He lived in Delaware District.

Q Is he living now? A No sir.

Q Is there anybody living now who came with you in that party? A Nobody around here that I know of.

Q Did you come back to your old home? A Yes sir.

Q Where did Hannah go? A When she left me she went to Tahlequah, hired out and went to work.

Q Where did you and she separate? A In Delaware District up near Mayesville.

Q She went to Tahlequah? A She went to Tahlequah and hired out to work and I never seen her anymore until a good while. The next time I saw her she come back home and stayed there until she married.

Q What do you call home? A Where I lived at; she made it her home until she married.

Q Had she made it her home before - had she ever made her home at your home? A Only since the war.

Q When did she first begin living at your home? A I fetched her



from Texas with me.

Q Is your home near Mayesville, or was it at that time? A Yes sir.

Q She went with you first to your home near Mayesville? A Yes sir.

Q Are you living in the same place now? A No sir, I am living on Grand River now, in the same district.

Q She left your home and went over to Tahlequah District? A She went to Tahlequah; I don't know where she went from there.

Q J. S. Ravenport: Was George Gandy living when the war broke out?

A I am not able to tell you.

Q Where was Hannah Kinbo living when the war broke out? A You are too hard for me, I don't know.

Q Don't you know George Gandy died some years before the war and that Hannah became the property of George Starr in Texas? A That is where I got her the first place.

Q Didn't she belong to George Starr years before the war? A I don't know that; I never got acquainted with her until I went to Texas.

Q Did you know George Starr in Texas? A I knowed him in Texas.

Q Don't you know when he went to Texas? A No sir.

Q Hannah was with him in Texas when you were down there, was she? A Yes sir.

Q And after the war she came back with you? A Yes sir.

Q George Starr had been living in Texas for some time when you went down there, hadn't he? A I don't know, I never knew him until I went there.

Q He had been out of this country, you had been acquainted around Mayesville, you never knew of him living over there? A No sir, I never knew that he lived there to my knowing.

Commissioner: You now state that this woman Hannah belonged before the war to a man named George Starr? A George Gandy first and then from that to George Starr.

Q But she belonged to George Starr several years before the war?

A I don't know how long.

Q She was with George Starr when you first knew her? A Yes sir, that was where I first got acquainted with her.

Q That was in Texas? A I never seen her until I went to Texas.

Q You know when she went to Texas? A No sir.

Q You know how long she had been there? A No sir.

Q Do you know how long George Starr had been there? A No sir.

Q Do you know whether George Starr was a citizen of Texas or the Cherokee Nation? A I don't know; all I can tell you he was a Cherokee.

Q You have an impression he was a Cherokee? A Yes sir.

Q You don't know whether he was a Cherokee citizen or not? A No sir.

Q Do you know how long he lived in Texas? A No sir.

Q Is George Starr living now do you know? A Not that I know of.

Q Did you ever see George Starr after you seen him in Texas? A I don't recollect.

Q Did you ever hear of his coming back to the Cherokee Nation, or do you know of his coming back? A I heard of his coming back.

Q When? A That is a little too hard for me. I can't tell you the time; I heard of him coming back.

Q Did you ever hear that George Starr was readmitted to Cherokee citizenship long after the war by the Cherokee Council? A It appears to me I heard such talk, but I don't know.

Q Do you recall any understanding or knowledge when you were down in Texas that George Starr had been there since 1847? A I never heard anything about it; I don't know how long he had been there.

Q You don't know about that? A No sir.

The applicant is now notified that the Cherokee Representatives will introduce testimony in the course of this afternoon in regard to the citizenship of his wife, and he is desired to stay on the ground in order that he may be present at that time.



The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and wife. He is identified on the rolls of 1885 and 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he and wife were listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is perhaps too young to be upon the roll of 1880, but neither has father or mother is identified on that roll. Her father is not identified on any other roll. Her mother is identified on the Kerna-Clifton Roll, and the applicant's wife is shown by the testimony to be identified on the Kerna-Clifton Roll, but neither of them are upon the roll of 1880. It is shown by the testimony that the applicant and his wife were married some three years ago. It is proved that the applicant's wife's mother was carried off from the State of Texas some years before the Civil War by her master at that time, and that her master became a citizen of the State of Texas and that consequently at the time of the emancipation of the slaves, the mother of the applicant's wife was the slave of a citizen of Texas, and in the State of Texas. In accordance with the notice given to the applicant, it is purposed to inquire in this matter further in the course of the present day, and the applicant's wife will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 1907.

*J. H. H. H.*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 14, 1901  
 Post Office Vinita, Ok.  
 District Delaware

1. Name Leander Frye Age 29  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 259 No. 1080 District Delaware

Parents:

Father Andy Frye - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Mollie C. - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Mary A. Frye Age 24  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 149 No. 4405 District Delaware

Parents:

Father John Kinkead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Mary Ann Kinkead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by M. I. Stenographer E. R. Thompson

1. On 1870 roll as Maunda Frye  
1 " 1896 " Page 630 \* 41 Leanda Frye - Del

2. K. G. Roll as Mary Ann Kinkead

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THE NEW YORK SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF THE CHINESE NATIONS. THE NEW YORK

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wita, I. T., May 14, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Henry Vann for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner O. B. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Henry Vann.  
Q What is it you want to have put on the roll; just yourself? A Yes sir.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Sallis.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Well, all my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Sandy Ross, or Vann; I go by my stepfather's name.  
Q Your own father's name was Sandy Vann? A No sir, Sandy Ross.  
Q And you carry the name of your stepfather then? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Sandy Ross dead? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Riley Vann.  
Q Is she alive? A No sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She died in '95.  
Q When did your mother and your father part? A Well, I was too small to remember anything about it.  
Q And then after they parted your mother married a man named Vann?  
A Yes sir.  
Q What was his name? A George Vann.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your mother was a Cherokee Freedman, was she? A Yes sir.  
Q Is George Vann alive? A No sir, he is dead.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 194, No. 3098, Henry Vann, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 425, No. 689, Henry Vann, Cooweescoowee District.

The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

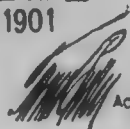
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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MAY 14 1901



ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 14, 1901

Post Office

Tahala, Ga.

District

Covington

1. Name

Henry Vann

Age

31

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

3098

District

Covington

Parents:

Father

Sandy Vann - Ross - living

Citizenship

Mother

Bridget Vann - dead

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

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Application made by

No. 7.

Stenographer

C. Rothberger

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Wash., D. C., June 1, 1901.

In the matter of the Enrollment of John Henry Ross for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

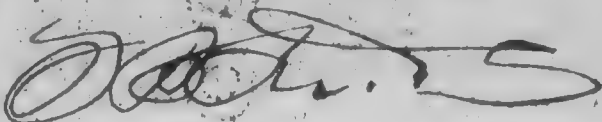
John Henry Ross, being duly sworn, asked and examined by Commissioner Hewitt, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A John Henry Ross, that is my proper name.  
Q On May 14, I find one Henry Vann enrolled; did you enroll yourself at that time, at Vinita? A Yes, sir.  
Q What name did you give in to the commission then? A I gave in Ross.  
Q You gave in Ross? A Yes, sir, and he supposed it ought to go by Vann as it was on the 1880 roll.  
Q You didn't say a word about Ross; you gave in the name of Henry Vann; is your name on the 1880 roll as Henry Vann? A Yes, sir, Elder and Henry Vann.  
Q Your name isn't Elder and Henry? A Elder is my mother.  
Q Your proper name is John H. Ross? A Yes, sir.  
Q That Henry Vann that was enrolled at that time, should have been enrolled as John Henry Ross? A Yes, sir.  
Q How did your name happen to be on the 1880 roll as Vann? A Because that was my stepfather's name, and they enrolled me in my stepfather's name.

Commissioner: The testimony develops the fact that the Henry Vann enrolled on straight card No. 818 should be John H. Ross, and it is ordered that the correction be made upon the card and the index, and the name Henry Vann changed to John Henry Ross.

Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce G. Jones  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of June, 1901.



Commissioner.





Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I T., May 14, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Lynch for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William Lynch.  
Q How old are you? A I couldn't tell you exactly how old; I had no schooling; I think I may be about 50, I don't know.  
Q What is your post-office? A Spavinaw.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A I have got a step-daughter back here some where.  
Q Is she married? A Yes sir.  
Com'r: Well she will have to attend to herself.  
Q Any little children under 21? A I have got aboy in the Choctaw Nation, could you do anything for him?  
Q How old is he? A He is a man grown.  
Q Are you a recognized freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1830? A Yes On the roll, 80 roll, sir.  
Q Are you married? A No sir, my woman died.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 645 #669 Wm Lynch, Saline District, adopted colored, 62 years of age.

- Q Why, you are over eighty years old? A Well, don't make no difference.  
Q You are here all right? A I am here all right.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined and name of applicant not found thereon.

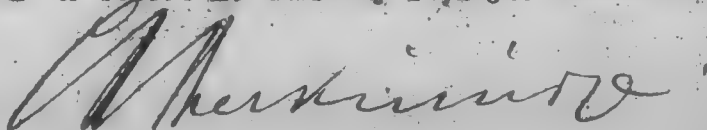
- Q What is the name of your wife? A Nellie.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.  
Q You were a slave before the war? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: William Lynch applies for the enrollment of himself; he is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1830, makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D.Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 14, 1901.



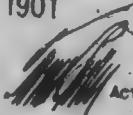
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

May 14 1901

Post Office

Spearman, S.G.

District

Saline

1. Name

William Lynch

Age

80

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

669

District

Saline

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

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Application made by

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

William Lynch  
a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved MAR 7 1905 190

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Wm Lynch  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Chester Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Chaffer Ind. Ter., and died on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 1904.  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Indian DISTRICT.

I, John Armstrong, on oath state that I am about 54  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Chester Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Chaffer Ind. Ter.; that I am  
Step son of Wm Lynch  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Adoption, of the Chester Nation;  
and that said Wm Lynch died on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 1904.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

J. H. Madison  
Houston Martin

John Armstrong  
John Fowler  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1905.

Mycom Exp May 21<sup>st</sup> 1908

F. M. Smith  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Indian DISTRICT.

I, J. L. Bungardner, on oath state that I am 49  
years of age, and a citizen by Birth, of the Chester Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Vinita Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
that I was personally acquainted with Wm Lynch  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Adoption, of the Chester Nation;  
and that said Wm Lynch died on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 1904.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

J. H. Madison  
Houston Martin

J. L. Bungardner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1905.

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F. M. Smith  
Notary Public.



Enscribed and sworn to before me this 14th 1801.

five and complete manuscript of his stenographic notes thereof testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a comparison to the five Civilized Times as correctly recorded the M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the

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of her youngest child, Harvay, before the enrollment will be necessary for her to present satisfactory proof as to the birth of her child for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; if will be

been and her two children Alfred before and Harvay been, will make satisfactory proof of the sequence; consequently, Harvay said, rolls were compiled; they are all duly identified and not whether upon any of the rolls having been born a few days when she was one child, Harvay Harvay, name does since that she married one Andrew Harvay, her husband in 1800; who was the father of her oldest child, Alfred before; that married to one Fred before; from whom she has descended; rolls as indicated in the testimony; and avers that she was and the Kemm's Children born roll as set back the number of the and she is duly identified upon the said Cherokee roll of 1800 and avers that she avers that she was and Harvay's Johnson of herself and two children, to-wit: Alfred before and Harvay Com. L. Needles: Harvay's been sufficient for the enrollment

Harvay's been et al 3

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winita, Ark., May 14, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Malinda Bean for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needham, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Malinda Bean.  
Q How old are you? A 26.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Chelisee.  
Q What district do you live in? A Coconino.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Me and 2 children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Alfred LeFlore.  
Q How old is he? A Eight years old.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Harvey Bean.  
Q How old is Harvey? A A year and six months old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Andrew Bean.  
Q What was your father's name? A George Johnson.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Rachel McCain was her name.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q What was your name before you married Bean? A LeFlore.  
Q Were you ever married but once? A Yes sir, twice.  
Q What was your first husband's name? A Fred LeFlore.  
Q What was your maiden name? A Johnson.  
Q You are on the 1880 roll as Johnson? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 642 #599 Merlinda Johnson, Saline District, adopted col'd

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants names not identified thereon.

- Q You are not on the 1896 roll are you? A I have been enrolled by LeFlore all right; I and my baby both.  
Q Was that when you drew Strip money? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Fred LeFlore living? A Yes sir.  
Q You have separated from him? A Yes sir.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 21 #535 Malinda LeFlore, Saline District.  
page 21 #536 Alfred LeFlore, Saline District.

- ✓ Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Are these two children living? A Yes sir.  
Q I understand you are parted from Fred LeFlore? A Yes sir.  
Q And now your present husband is named Andrew Bean? A Yes sir, he will be in this evening.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Ought to enroll you altogether; how old is he? A 27.  
Q Is he on the 1880 roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Has he always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Always did; he was born in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q What was his father's name? A Jack Bean.  
Q Jack Bean living? A No sir, he is dead.  
Q What was his mother's name? A Clarinda Bean.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's husband not identified thereon.

Com'r: I guess he will have to enroll for himself if he aint on the 1880 roll.



Malinda Bean et al 3.

Dear Sir: Needles Malinda Bean applies for the enrollment of herself and two children, to-wit: Alfred LeFlore and Harvey Bean, who avers that her maiden name was Malinda Johnson, and she is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1850 and the same fifteen pay roll as per page and number of the rolls as indicated in the testimony; she avers that she was married to one Fred LeFlore, from whom she has separated, who was the father of her oldest child, Alfred LeFlore; that since that she married one Andrew Bean, her present husband, by whom she has one child, named Harvey Bean, whose name does not appear upon any of the rolls, as he was born after the said rolls were compiled; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof of residence; consequently Malinda Bean and her two children, Alfred LeFlore and Harvey Bean, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; it will be necessary for her to present satisfactory proof as to the birth of her youngest child, Harvey, before its enrollment will be complete.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 14, 1901.

*C. W. Hutchinson*

Commissioner.

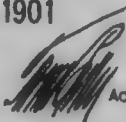


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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 14 1901  
Post Office Schulsen, D. C.  
District 2000

1. Name Andrew Bean Age 27  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father Jack Bean Citizenship Colored  
Mother Josephine " Citizenship "

117. Name of wife Mahinda Bean Age 26  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year 1880 Page 647 No. 599 District Saline

Parents:

Father Geo. Johnson Citizenship Colored  
Mother Rachel " Citizenship "

Names of Children:

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| 4. <u>Alfred Beal</u> | Year <u>80</u> | Page <u>21</u> | No. <u>530</u> | Dist. <u>Saline</u> |
| 5. <u>Mary Bean</u>   | Year <u>"</u>  | Page <u>"</u>  | No. <u>"</u>   | Dist. <u>"</u>      |
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Application made by

Stenographer

No. 1  
No. 1 on 1880 roll as Mahinda Johnson  
No. 1 on K.C. roll Page 21 No. 535 as Mahinda Beal  
Saline Dist.  
No. 2 Birth certificate required.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Harvey Bean

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

MAY 29 1901

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*McKinnon*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED  
MAY 29 1901

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Nation,  
of Harvey Bean, born on the 27 day of Oct, 1888  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Andrew Bean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Malinda Bean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Cherokee I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Nathan

District.

I, Malinda Bean, on oath state that I am 26  
years of age and a citizen, by Friedman Blood, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Andrew Bean, Friedman  
Blood, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 27 day of Oct, 1888, that said child has been  
named Harvey Bean, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Malinda Bean

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

David S. Elliott

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Nathan

District.

I, Sarah C. Martin, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Malinda Bean, wife of Andrew Bean,  
on the 27 day of October, 1888, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Harvey Bean

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

D. S. Elliott

Andrew Bean

Sarah C. Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of May, 1901.

David S. Elliott

NOTARY PUBLIC





The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as a meteorologist he has full, true and correct knowledge of the atmospheric conditions prevailing at the time and place mentioned in the foregoing report, and that the same are correctly stated.

THE JOURNAL OF THOMAS H. MOORE: When you married your wife here.

was once dramatically married' and she did not brook a quarrel with Freeman. 'It shows from the testimony that his wife ought to have been put for enrollment as an informed Opolo-omee of whom she was now fifty years of age. So let us say in regard to his residence during the time stated. The applicant said, and he is quoted to have suggested Freeman whom we now see listed for enrollment as a Opolo-omee Freeman whom we cannot be certain of him between 1882 and 1884. He was married as the roll of 1880' and a very satisfactory the applicant explained his citizenship, as he is not with these subjects to be some ground for giving as to whether Olligor Roll. He has been dead a little more than one year.

Her husband is identified on the roll of 1880 and upon the census of upon the roll of 1880, not upon the roll of 1888. His wife was identified on the census of 1880 as a Cherokee Indian. Her husband is identified in a certain manner, and she is identified as a Cherokee Indian. She has lived in the United States for the enrollment of herself and

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, I. T., May 14, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Feriby L. Moore for the enrollment of herself and her husband, Thomas H. Moore, as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner O. H. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Feriby L. Moore.  
Q Who is it you want to have enrolled? A Myself and husband.  
Q How old are you? A 34 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Ketchum.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Ever since I knew myself I have been here.  
Q Have you lived here all your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A James Davis.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A About 26 years.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Rhoda Davis.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead 31 years.  
Q Give me the name of your husband? A Thomas H. Moore.  
Q How old is he? A Fifty I think.  
Q Is he a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, he has been all the while; I reckon he is yet.  
Q Do you know how long he has lived in the Cherokee Nation? A He lived here pretty near all his life, I reckon. You will have to ask him.  
Q Where is he? A He is out there somewhere.

- Thomas H. Moore, being sworn and examined by Commissioner O. H. Breckinridge, testified as follows:  
Q Give me your full name? A Thomas H. Moore.  
Q How old are you? A Fifty years old.  
Q Are you the husband of this woman here? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Lived here all my life, except a little time I was out when the rebellion was, about three years.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A My father was named Anderson Taylor; his last owner was Buffington.  
Q Is your father dead? A I never heard of him since the war.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Chaney Rowe.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She died a year ago last March.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Always been put in the rolls? A I don't know whether I am on the roll or not; I have always been that. I didn't find my name at the Wallace Book; I had to get a certificate to get my name on that; my brother got it.  
Q How long have you and your wife been married? A About ten years; no, nine years.  
Q What was her name when you married her? A Feriby L. Davis.  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A Yes sir.  
Commissioner of Applicant: To whom were you married before you married this husband? A Dennis Bean.  
Q Is Dennis Bean dead? A Not that I know of.  
Q How long since you and Dennis Bean married? A 15 or 16 years ago.  
Q You and Dennis Bean parted, did you? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you get a divorce from him? A I guess I didn't need any; he went to the penitentiary; I guess that divorced us.  
Thomas H. Moore, recalled:  
Q Were you ever married before you married this woman? A No sir.  
Q Never lived with any woman? A No sir.  
Feriby L. Moore, recalled:  
Q Who were you living in 1880 with before you were married at all? A With my aunt Niecey Mayfield, in Saline District.  
Q Did you go by the name of Mayfield? A I always went by the name of Davis, my father's name.

S- P. L. M.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 287, No. 222, Verby L. Davis, Saline District.

Thomas H. Moore recalled:

Q Was your mother named Moore at that time in '80, or was she called Rowe? A She went by her owner's name Fuller. My father was named Anderson Taylor.

Q How did you get the name of Moore? A From my own father.

Q Anderson Taylor was your stepfather? A He was my father.

Q Who was your father? A Anderson Moore and Anderson Taylor.

Q He had two names that way? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's husband, ~~Anderson Taylor~~ is not found thereon.

Q Was your mother named Rowe in 1880? A Yes sir.

Q Who was your mother's husband in 1880? A Lewis Rowe.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's husband's mother is found on page 505, No. 2111, Chama Rowe, Delaware District.

Q Is Lewis Rowe dead? A Yes sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon; neither is the name of the applicant's husband's mother found thereon.

The Keras Clifton Roll examined and the name of the applicant's husband's mother is found on page 4, No. 83, Chaney Rowe, Delaware District.

Q Did you draw Cherokee Strip money? A Yes sir.

The Keras Clifton Roll examined and the name of the applicant's husband is found on page 136, No. 5587, Thomas H. Moore, Delaware District.

Q Why is it, that you weren't on the 1880 roll with your mother? A I was left off that time; when I went for the 1880 payment I couldn't find my name.

Q Do you know the reason? A When I went in the house to get my '80 money, they couldn't find my name. I got a certificate and I had to go to Claremore and draw the money.

Q So you got the '80 money somehow? A Yes sir, from Mr. Lipe.

J. S. Davenport: What '80 money have you reference to? A The '80 money what the rest of them drew.

Q What did you draw? A \$16.60, if I aint mistaken.

Q How long have you been living out in the states? A Haven't been in the states; I have been here.

Q Didn't you ever live in the states? A A little while.

Q How long did you stay there when you were there before 1880? A I was here in '80.

Q Your family all on the roll? A I was here and enrolled here; Mr. Thompson enrolled me.

Commissioner: How much of your life have you spent in the States, you speak of your not being there in '80? A I spent my life right here in the territory, been out there and back when I was a young boy bumping around; I haven't been out of the nation for sixteen years; since I married.

Q Where were you for four or five years before you married? A I was here.

Q You say you haven't been out for 16 years, why didn't you saw

E. F. L. M.

twenty or twenty-one years? A I have been right here ever since I married.

Q You told me just now that you were married ten years ago and your wife said nine years ago? A Well, I didn't exactly know right then, but it was.

Q And you told me you never had been married before? A No.

Q How do you make it out 18 years now? A I haven't been married but nine years. I haven't been in the States in 18 years. I mean I haven't been out of the territory for 18 years only just to the line and back then.

Q Back before that 18 years where were you? A I went to Kansas and went to school one year and came back.

Q Now remember where you are. You are at a point 18 years ago. How long before that you had been to school, was it just about that time? Where did you go to school in Kansas? A I went to school in Fort Scott one winter.

Q Is that all you went to school one winter? A I worked a little and went to school.

Q How did you happen to go up to Kansas? A I just went up there like little fellows will, just going around.

Q Was that the only time you went to Kansas? A I was there when we lived there in '83; we moved back down here in '85.

Q Then you went back and went to school? A Yes sir, one winter.

Q How long since you came back from Kansas from school? A In November, '84, when I come back.

Q How old were you when you were going to school in '84? A I was about 26 or 7.

Q How old do you call yourself now? A I call myself 50 years old.

Q Where did you stay in Kansas during the war? A My folks lived up in Douglass County near Lawrence, five miles east.

Q What did they do, farm up there? A Yes sir.

Q Your father and mother weren't living together then? A Lewis Rowe and Chaney were living together then.

Q Your father and mother? A No sir, they were parted before the war.

Q And you carried the name of your stepfather? A No sir, I carried the name of my father.

Q Did you live much with your stepfather? A He raised me; he brought me back here in '85.

Q Did your mother come at the same time? A Yes sir.

J. S. Davenport: Where were you when the war broke out? A I was living on Spavinaw on the old Landrum place.

Q Where was your father at that time? A Anderson Moore? He lived with George Buffington.

Q Hadn't your father and mother separated, and didn't your father take you to Lawrence, Kansas when the war broke out? A No sir.

Q Wasn't you with him at Lawrence when the war broke out? A No sir.

Q What time during the war was you with your father? A I wasn't with him at all.

Q You said your people lived near Lawrence, Kansas? A Lewis and Chaney Rowe, I was speaking of.

Q Where did you go when you came back to the Cherokee Nation?

A We come right back here where we lived. We stopped at Johnson Thompson's place at the bend of the river.

Q Was Johnson Thompson living there? A Old man Jesse Cochran was living there.

Q Was young Jesse Cochran living there then? A Yes sir.

Q He knows when you come back? A Yes sir, he was quite a boy then.

Douglas Moore: When you came back with your mother after the war, did you stay all the time in the Cherokee Nation until you went to Kansas to go to school? A Yes sir.

Q Did you live in one neighborhood all the time? A Yes sir, I lived right with the old folks.

Q With your stepfather and mother? A Yes sir, until I married.

Q Until you married this woman here? A Yes sir.

Q And where was it that you and your father and mother lived all the time? A We lived over in Delaware District right where



4- M. E. N.

we are living now. I live joining the old man's farm on Section seven now; they live on the north half of section seven and I live on the south.

Q You have been living right there ever since the war? A Yes sir, ever since we come back.

Q When you married you didn't move out of the neighborhood? A I married and brought my wife right home.

Q Now you and your father and mother lived in the same neighborhood with Mr. Jesse Cochran? A Yes sir, they were living there when we come there to Mr. Thompson's place when we come there.

Q Where was Jesse Cochran living? A He lived on the same place.

Q How long did he live with you? A He was there.

Q How long after the war? A We didn't live there so very long.

Q You told me you lived there all the time down to this time? A We lived up in Delaware District; I didn't mean we lived at Mr. Cochran's all the time.

Q You told me you lived on one section of ground all the time? A That is where we are living now and this is on this side of the River when we come to this country.

Q Where did you and your mother and your stepfather locate when you came back from Kansas after the war - now, tell me that? A We located for our home, is right where we live now.

Q And where is that? A That is on section seven.

Q Near what postoffice? A Near Ketchum.

Q When you came back from Kansas you located near Ketchum? A Yes sir, where Ketchum is now.

Q That is where you located for your home when you got back from Kansas? A Yes sir.

Q And you been living there ever since? A Right where we are living now, ever since we got back from Kansas, only the little time you see when we first come back we stopped with these people; we didn't make that at our home.

Q You have told me two or three different things. I want to know where you stopped first when you got back from Kansas? A Right at Mr. Cochran's.

Q How long did you stay there? A We didn't stay there very long; we moved across the river to another place.

Q How far did you move? A About three miles across the river.

Q What river? A Grand River.

Q How long did you stay there? A About two years at this place.

Q And then what did you do? A We moved where we have been living all the time on the old John Fallin place.

Q How far is that from the first place you were talking about where Jesse Cochran lived? A Three miles east of that across the river.

Q So you lived all the time not further than three miles from the very first place you came to when you got back from Kansas?

A Yes sir.

Q Is he living there now? A No sir.

Q How long did he live there? A Until he got killed.

Q There he is sitting there now? A I mean his father got killed.

Q Did young Jesse Cochran live there when you got back from Kansas? A Yes sir.

Q How long did he continue to live there? A I don't know how long he lived there afterwards; he lived there.

Q Do you know him? A Yes sir.

Q Have you known him all the time, all along? A Yes sir.

Q Ever since you came back from Kansas? A Yes sir.

Q And he lived most of the time back at the old place you were talking about? A No sir, he moved some place out west some where; he has been living out west somewhere for quite awhile.

Q For about how long? A I couldn't hardly say, because I don't know; I couldn't keep track of it. I reckon 15 or 20 years. Somewhere in that neighborhood; I can't tell exactly.



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Jesse Cochran, being sworn and examined by Commissioner G.R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Jesse Cochran.  
Q How old are you? A 53 years old.  
Q What is your present office? A Choisea.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I was born here.  
Q Lived here all your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know this man here, Thomas H. Moore, this colored man?  
A I don't know, it looks like I have seen him here for several years.  
Q You have an impression that you have seen him for several years?  
A Only just way back, ten or fifteen years perhaps.  
Q You have an impression that you saw him ten or fifteen years ago? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you know a colored woman named Chaney Rowe? A Yes sir.  
Q Did she come to your father's place from Kansas just after the war? A Yes sir, she was a Rowe then.  
Q Was she at that time the wife of Lewis Rowe? A Yes sir.  
Q Did she have a family with her? A Yes sir.  
Q What children? A I just couldn't state how many; there were a lot of them.  
Q They lived on your father's place, did they, for a while? A Yes sir, they bought about three miles from where father was living.  
Q How long did you continue after the war to live there on your father's place? A I left there in the spring of '67.  
Q Where did you go? A Out here in Coowee Coowee District.  
Q Have you spent much time down in that neighborhood since? A No sir.  
Q Have you any recollection of having seen this man with Chaney Rowe back there between '65 and '67? A They have grown up now, I can't recognize them; they were young boys then.  
Q Did you know their names back in '65 and '67? A No sir, I believe not, only just acquainted with Lewis Rowe.  
Q The husband of this woman, Chaney? A Yes sir. I went there frequently but I never got acquainted with the boys.  
Q Do you know a colored man named Nelson Moore? A Well, I think that was the boy's name, that was one of them in the outfit. I think he was the oldest one of the boys, that is my impression.  
Q Would you know the names of any of the other children if you heard them? A No sir, I would not.  
Q Do you know whether Nelson ~~Moore~~ has continued to live in the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q You haven't kept the run of them since the early days back there? A No sir.  
Q Do you recall the name of Thomas or Thomas H. among those boys back there? A No sir, I only remember Nelson Moore.  
Q And you don't know anything about this man Thomas H. Moore at that time, or since that time? A Only just as I stated; I got acquainted with them after we all got into politics.  
Q Just an impression of knowing him about fifteen or sixteen years ago? A Yes sir.  
Q Beyond that you can't state? A No sir.  
Thomas H. Moore, recalled:  
Q Who knows something about where you were living during all this time from 1865 to the time you say you were at school in Kansas?  
A Mr. Bell knows me.  
Q Do you mean Mr. Hoolie Bell? A Yes sir.  
Q Did he know you before '65 until you went to Kansas? A From the time you came back from Kansas until you went back? A He knowed me ever since I come back the first time.  
Q Did he live in your neighborhood? A He lived about six or seven miles on Cabin Creek, but then I was acquainted with him.  
Q You think he knows of you all that time? A He knows me, yes sir.  
Fereby L. Moore, applicant, recalled:  
Q Did you draw Cherokee Strip money? A Yes sir.

The Keams Clifton Roll examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 28, No. 702, Fereby L. Moore,

**Walla Walla District.**

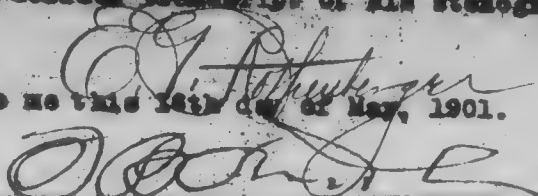
The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and husband. She is identified on the roll of 1890 and the Karna Clifton Roll as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Her change of name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory manner, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Her husband is identified on the Karna Clifton Roll, but not upon the roll of 1890, nor upon the roll of 1894. His mother is identified on the roll of 1890 and upon the Karna Clifton Roll. She has been dead a little more than one year. There appears to be some ground for doubt as to whether the applicant injured his claim, as he is not with his mother on the roll of 1890, and a very satisfactory account cannot be obtained of him between 1890 and 1894. He will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman upon a doubtful card, and he is desired to give additional testimony in regard to his residence during the time stated. The applicant claims that he is now fifty years of age. So far as any claim he might have for enrollment as an intermarried Cherokee Freedman, it appears from the testimony that his wife was once previously married, and she did not procure a decree of divorce from her former husband.

**Commissioner of Thomas H. Moore:** When you married your wife here, did you get out a license at all? A No sir, I didn't get any.  
Q Just got a preacher to marry you? A Yes sir, just got a preacher to marry us.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May, 1901.

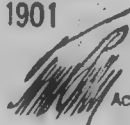
  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 14, 1901

Post Office

Kephart St.

District

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1. Name

Thomas H. Moore

Age

38

Owner's name

Citizenship

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No.

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District

Seward

Parents:

Father

Anderson Taylor

Citizenship

Mother

Mary Brown - dead

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Emily L. Moore

Age

34

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

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District

Saline

Parents:

Father

James Davis - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Rhoda " - dead

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Emily L. Moore

Stenographer

C. R. Stenographer

1 On 1880 roll as Emily L. Davis  
 1 " R. B. " Page 28 #702 Emily L. Moore Saline

X Reg.





Commissioner of the Cherokee Nation.  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th of May, 1880, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours, Sir, very respectfully,  
Commissioner of the Cherokee Nation.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Okla., May 14, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Cunnigan Vann for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Cunnigan Vann.  
Q How old are you? A 22 I think.  
Q What is your post-office or address? A Chouteau.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You were recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Ever apply to any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Johnson Vann.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Lila Vann.  
Q Is she living? A No sir, she is dead.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 196 #5128 Cunnigan Vann Cooweescoowee Dist. adopted roll

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 422 #609 Cunnigan Vann Cooweescoowee District.

- Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: Cunnigan Vann applies for the enrollment of himself; he is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; and he makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 15, 1901.

*A. H. H. H. H.*  
Commissioner.

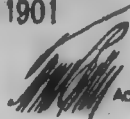
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 14, 1901

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1. Name

Dunningham Vann

Age

27

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

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District

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Parents:

Father

Johnson Vanni

Citizenship

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Mother

Delilah

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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Application made by

Stenographer

M. H. Green

On 1880 roll as Dunningham Vann  
 On 1886 roll Page 195 No 3178 Xooo Dist





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to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and the records  
M.D. Green has been sworn states that he stenographed

Stenographic notes

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 14, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Saphronia Buffington for the enrollment of herself, husband and two children as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Saphronia Buffington.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My husband and 2 children.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Ernest Buffington.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is his post-office? A Vinita.  
Q How old is he? A 22.  
Q What district does he live in? A Delaware.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Millie Frye.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Andrew Frye.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Albert Buffington, 3 years old.  
Q What is the next one? A Augustus Buffington, 6 months old.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 259 #1084 Saffronia Frye, Delaware Dist, native colored;  
page 231 #405 Ernest Buffington, Delaware District.

- Q Were you ever married before to anyone? A No sir.  
Q Five years ago your name was still Frye? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 627 #13 Ernest Buffington, Delaware District.  
page 627 #14 Saffronia Buffington, Delaware District.

- Q Have you any proof of birth made out of these children? A No sir.  
Q These children are both living are they? A Yes sir.  
Q Mr. Buffington and your self have always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, born and raised here.

Com'r Needles: Saphronia Buffington applies for the enrollment of herself, her husband and Ernest, and her two children, Albert and Augustus; they are both duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896; she being identified upon the 1880 roll by her maiden name, Frye; she avers that she has two children, named Albert and Augustus Buffington, whose names do not appear upon the census roll of 1896, having been born after said rolls were compiled; it will be necessary for her to file satisfactory proof as to the birth of the said children; she made a satisfactory proof of residence, consequently, Saphronia Buffington, her husband, Ernest Buffington, and two children, Albert and Augustus Buffington, will be duly listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Memorandum of Understanding

E. D. Green, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission on the Part of the United States, he has correctly reported the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of 1901.

*[Signature]*  
Deputy Clerk

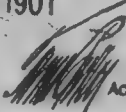
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

1. Name

Ernest Buffington

Age

27

Owner's name

Year

1880

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No.

405

District

Citizenship

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Salmonia Buffington

Age

21

Owner's name

Year

1880

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No.

1084

District

Citizenship

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3.

Albert Buffington

Year

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Augustus

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Application made by

Wm

Stenographer

M. J. Green

Wm 1880 roll as - Salmonia Buffington  
 Wm on 1880 roll as Page 677 No 14, Salmonia Buffington  
 Wm " 1896 " " " 677 No 13, Ernest Buffington  
 Delaware Dist.  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Albert Buffington*  
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

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Approved,

MAY 14 1901

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Albert Buffington born on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1897.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Ernest Buffington, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Saphronia Buffington, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Viinta IT

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Saphronia Buffington, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Ernest Buffington, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1897; that said child has been  
named Albert Buffington, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of June, 1901.

G. F. Bailes  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Millie Fry, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Saphronia Buffington, wife of Ernest Buffington  
on the 18 day of June, 1897, that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Albert Buffington.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of June, 1901.

G. F. Bailes  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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*D* CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 823

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Augustus D. Offington*  
as a citizen of  
CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

MAY 14 1901

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Augustus Buffington born on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 1900  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Ernest B. Buffington, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Saphronia Buffington, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

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years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Ernest Buffington, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Nov - 1900 that said child has been  
named Augustus Buffington, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO SIGN

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Millie Fry, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Saphronia Buffington, wife of Ernest Buffington  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Nov - 1900, that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Augustus Buffington.

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

John Downing  
Carly Lynch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, T. T., May 14, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Martha Ann Downing for the enrollment of herself, her husband, Alexander Downing, and her six children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Brackinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Martha Ann Downing.  
Q Who is it you want to have enrolled? A Myself, husband and six children.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Ketchum.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my days.  
Q Have you always been recognized as a Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Lewis Rowe.  
Q Is he alive? A No sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I couldn't just tell you; my brother told you just now; I couldn't tell you; he died last year.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Chaney Rowe.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A One year in March.  
Q Give me the name of your husband? A Alexander Downing.  
Q How old is your husband? A I don't know, sir.  
Q As near as you can come; is he older than you? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he much older? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he as much as 45? A I guess he is about 38 maybe.  
Q How long has he lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All of his days.  
Q Has he always been a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Was he a slave in the Cherokee Nation before the war? A No sir, I don't think he was.  
Q He is a state man, wasn't he? A No sir.  
Q Was he a slave before the war? A No sir, Alex wasn't a slave.  
Q Where did he live before the war? A I don't know sir; he has been born since the war.  
Q He is not old enough to have been a slave? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of his father? A Alex Downing, Reuben Downing's son.  
Q Is your husband's father dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A Well, I don't know; my husband was raised up an orphan.  
Q He has been dead a long time? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your husband's mother? A I can't.

Thomas H. Moore, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Brackinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Thomas H. Moore.  
Q How old are you? A Fort years old.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been here all the time since '65.  
Q This applicant here is your sister? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know her husband? A Yes sir.  
Q What is his name? A Alexander Downing.  
Q Do you know his mother? A Slightly.  
Q What is her name? A Phoebe Downing.  
Q Is Phoebe alive? A No sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead - I don't know, Alex was a little boy.  
Q Who brought Alex up? A Rebekah Downing raised him.  
Q And has he a wife? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her name? A Jennie Downing.  
Q So Rebekah and Jennie brought Alex up? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has your sister been married to Alexander Downing? A Four years, I guess; I don't remember.  
Q Haven't they got some children? A Yes sir.  
Q Have all these children been born since they were married? A They got three children born to Alex.  
Q She was married before she married Alex? A She wasn't married,

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but she had a child or two before. She had some children before, yes sir, she was married before and her husband deserted her and she married again.

Commissioner of Agriculture: Now, you have in your family six children? A Yes sir.

Q Are these all your own children? A Yes sir.

Q Give me their names and ages? A Ada Rowe.

Q How old is Ada? A 14.

Q Give me the next child? A Washington Rowe.

Q How old is Washington? A About 9 years old.

Q Give me the next child? A Viola Rowe.

Q How old is that child? A She is 8 years old.

Q Give me the next child? A Oliver Downing.

Q How old is Oliver? A I have got the ages here.

Q Give it to me? A (Hands list to Commissioner.)

Q Oliver was born the 15th of April, 1898, three years old? A Yes sir.

Q And then Maudie? A Yes sir.

Q Born in May, 1899, two years old? A Yes sir.

Q Then you got Georgie, a boy or a girl? A It is a boy.

Q Georgie, it was born last December, five months old? A Yes sir.

Q Are these children all living now? A Yes sir.

Q Now, you want to three older children to keep the name of Rowe? A Yes sir.

Q And the three younger children to carry the name of their father, Downing? A Yes sir.

Q What was the name of your first husband? A Nelson Carter.

Q You have been married only twice, have you? A Yes sir.

Q Is Nelson Carter dead or alive? A I don't know, sir.

Q Did he leave you? A Yes sir.

Q Did you ever get a divorce from him? A No sir.

Q Now, you don't name these first children after Carter? A No sir.

Q And you took back your own name? A Yes sir.

Q Was your husband, Alex, ever married before he married you? A No sir.

Q How long since you and Alex married? A It will be five years the 23rd of this coming September.

Q He didn't get out a Cherokee license? A No sir.

Q Just got a preacher to marry you? A Yes sir, just got a preacher to marry us.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 303, No. 8118, Martha Ann Rowe, Delaware District.

The 1880 roll examined for the name of her husband and his name cannot be identified thereon.

The 1890 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon.

Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money for these children? A Yes sir.

The Kerns Clifton Roll examined and the names of the applicant and her two older children are identified thereon as follows:

Page 4, No. 97, Martha Rowe, Delaware District.

Page 4, No. 85, Ada Rowe, Delaware District.

Page 4, No. 84, Wash Rowe, Delaware District.

Viola Rowe not identified on said roll. Applicant's husband not identified on said roll.

Q Did you draw strip money for Viola? A No sir, they couldn't find her name.

Q Now, I don't find any record of your husband, Alexander Downing?

A No sir, he never has enrolled, I don't think.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, her husband and six children. She is identified on the 1880 roll and on the Keras Clifton Roll as a Cherokee Freedman. Her age lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and her change of name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory manner. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Of her children named in the testimony, three are the children of a former marriage and three are the children of her present marriage. Of the first three children, Ada and Washington Rowe are identified on the Keras Clifton Roll; they are living, and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. When she presents the Commission with proper certificates of births of Viola Rowe and of the three children, Oliver, Hattie and George Downing, these four children will also be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The applicant's husband, Alexander Downing, is not identified upon any roll. It is claimed he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, but no ground is found at this time to show that he has any right of himself as a Cherokee Freedman, and he has no claim as a Freedman by intermarriage, for he was married only five years ago and not under a Cherokee license, and his wife has never been judicially divorced from her former husband; therefore, the application of Alexander Downing will be placed upon a Cherokee Freedman card for rejection.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 14, 1901  
Post Office Ketchikan, 29.  
District Delaware

1. Name Alexander Downing Age 28  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father ~~Alexander Downing~~ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother ~~Martha Downing~~ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

11. Name of wife Martha A. Downing Age 31  
Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Year 1880 Page 303 No. 216 District Delaware

Parents:

Father Lewis Rowe - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother Chancy " - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|       |                               |                  |               |               |                  |              |
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| 2     | <u>Ada Rowe</u>               | Year <u>1866</u> | Page <u>4</u> | No. <u>85</u> | Dist. <u>Del</u> | <u>14</u>    |
| 3     | <u><del>Martha Rowe</del></u> | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>4</u> | No. <u>84</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>9</u>     |
| 4     | <u>Vivian " "</u>             | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>"</u> | No. <u>"</u>  | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>8</u>     |
| 5     | <u>Oliver Downing</u>         | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>"</u> | No. <u>"</u>  | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>3</u>     |
| 6     | <u>Mandie " "</u>             | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>"</u> | No. <u>"</u>  | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>2</u>     |
| 7     | <u>George " "</u>             | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>"</u> | No. <u>"</u>  | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>5 mos</u> |
| 7 1/2 | <u>Jessie Rowe</u>            | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>"</u> | No. <u>"</u>  | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>2 mos</u> |
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Application made by Martha Downing Stenographer E. A. Thunders

1 On 1880 roll as Martha Ann Rowe  
1 " " Page 4 \*97 - Martha Rowe - Del.  
3 " " " as Wash Rowe  
4, 5, 6 and 7. Affidavits of birth, required.  
8. aff. of birth, required.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Witnessed by me, the said Commissioner, on this 1st day of May, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Martha Downing for enrollment of herself and child as Cherokee Freedmen, to-wit: the following, recorded by Commissioner Frederick B. Freeden, 824.

Q Give your name, please? A Martha Downing.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q You married just a few minutes ago, didn't you? A Yes, sir.  
Q You want to enroll now for a child of a daughter of yours?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Was this daughter ever married? A No, sir.  
Q What is the name of the child? A Jennie.  
Q Jennie what? A I don't know, sir.  
Q Doesn't your daughter give it any name? A No, sir.  
Q Your daughter still goes by the name of Downing? A No, sir, she goes by the name of Howe.  
Q This is a daughter of your first marriage? A Yes, sir.  
Q And this is the daughter we enrolled a little while ago?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Well, hadn't you better give the child the name of its mother and call it Jennie Howe? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old then is this baby? A It is 8 months old.  
Q And what is the name of the mother of this child? A Ada Howe.

Commissioner: The applicant is desired to see that the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of birth of this infant, Jennie Howe, child of her daughter Ada Howe. The mother of the child has just been enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman. It appears that she has never been married and this child Jennie Howe will, when a proper certificate is applied, be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, and this testimony will go in the case of Martha Downing et al., Cherokee Freedmen 824, in which case this infant's mother has been listed for enrollment.

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Brace O. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony as above in this case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of May, 1901.

Commissioner.

Additional - Cherokee Freedman 824.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winita, I. T., May 14, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Martha Downing for enrollment of herself et al. as Cherokee Freedman.

Martha Downing, recalled by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give your name again? A Martha Downing.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q You enrolled just a few minutes ago, didn't you? A Yes, sir.  
Q You want to apply now for a child of a daughter of yours?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Was this daughter ever married? A No, sir.  
Q What is the name of the child? A Jennie.  
Q Jennie what? A I don't know, sir.  
Q Doesn't your daughter give it any name? A No, sir.  
Q Your daughter still goes by the name of Downing? A No, sir, she goes by the name of Rowe.  
Q This is a daughter of your first marriage? A Yes, sir.  
Q And this is the daughter we enrolled a little while ago?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Well, hadn't you better give the child the name of its mother and call it Jennie Rowe? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old then is this baby? A It is 8 months old.  
Q And what is the name of the mother of this child? A Ada Rowe.

Commissioner: The applicant is desired to see that the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of birth of this infant, Jennie Rowe, child of her daughter Ada Rowe. The mother of the child has just been enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman. It appears that she has never been married and this child Jennie Rowe will, when a proper certificate is supplied, be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, and this testimony will go in the case of Martha Downing et al., Cherokee Freedman 824, in which case this infant's mother has been listed for enrollment.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony as above in this case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 15th of May, 1901.

*Bruce C. Jones*  
*J. D. S.*  
Commissioner.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Viola Rowe

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

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*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Viola Rowe, born on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1893  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Nelson Carter, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Martha A Downing, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Ketchum I T

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Martha A Downing, on oath state that I am 31  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Nelson Carter, who is a citizen, by  
me us  
of the U.S. Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sept - 1893, that said child has been  
named Viola Rowe, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Jennie Downing, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Martha A Downing, unlawful wife of Nelson Carter,  
on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1893, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Viola Rowe.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Martha Lyons  
Elmer Lyons

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of May 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

my Com. Exp. - April 15 - 1903.



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Oliver Downing.

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Oliver Downing, born on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1898  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Alexander Downing, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Martha A Downing, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Peterson I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Martha A Downing, on oath state that I am 31  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Alexander Downing, who is a citizen, by  
of the U.S. Nation; that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 15 day of April, 1898 that said child has been  
named Oliver Downing, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Jennie Downing, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Martha A Downing, wife of Alexander Downing,  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1898 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Oliver Downing.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Martha A Downing  
Elias Lyons

Jennie Downing  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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*CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 824.*  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Maudie Downing*  
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE, Nation.

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Maudie Downing, born on the 23 day of May, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Alexander Downing, a citizen of the U.S. Nation,  
Name of Mother: Martha A Downing, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Ketchum I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Martha A Downing, on oath state that I am 31  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Alexander Downing, who is a citizen, by  
of the U.S. Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 23 day of May, 1899; that said child has been  
named Maudie Downing, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Jennie Downing, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Martha A Downing wife of Alexander Downing  
on the 23rd day of May, 1899 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Maudie Downing.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Martha Lyons  
Elias Lyons

Jennie Downing  
for  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

my Com - Exp - April 15 - 1903.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Gertrude Downing

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Gerzie Downing born on the 14 day of Dec, 1900  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Alexander Downing, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Martha A Downing, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Hetchum I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Martha A Downing, on oath state that I am 31  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Alexander Downing, who is a citizen, by  
U.S. Nation, that a Male child was  
 (male or female.)  
 born to me on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1900; that said child has been  
 named Gerzie Downing, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Jennie Downing, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Martha Downing, wife of Alexander Downing  
 on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1900; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female.)  
 named Gerzie Downing.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

my com. Exp. - April 16 - 1903.

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Jennie Rowe*

A CITIZEN OF THE

*Cherokee*

Nation

*OTB*  
Approved

*Aug. 27* 1907

*H. Pollock*  
Acting Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

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*J. S. Wright,*

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of

Jennie Rowe

(Here insert name of deceased)

a citizen of the

Cherokee, (freedman)

Nation, who formerly resided at or near

Ketchum,

Ind. Ter., and died on the

8th

day of

September,

1907.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE

United States of America,  
Northern District  
Indian Territory.

} ss,

I, Ada Rowe,

, on oath state that I am 26

years of age and a citizen, by

Treaty,

, of the

Cherokee, (freedman)

Nation;

that my postoffice address is

Ketchum,

(Here insert name of postoffice)

Ind. Ter.; that I am

the mother,

(State relationship: as the father; as uncle; a cousin, etc.)

of

Jennie Rowe, (freedman)

(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by

treaty,

, of the

Cherokee, (freedman)

Nation

and that said

Jennie Rowe,

(Here insert name of deceased)

died on the

8th

day of

September,

1907.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Ada Rowe

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses)

Joseph S. Martin  
Wallace Dean

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

4th,

day of

April,

1907

My Com Exp. May 21<sup>st</sup> 1908.

F. M. Smith

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE

United States of America,  
Northern District,  
Indian Territory,

} ss.

I, Jennie Downing,

, on oath state that I am 47,

years of age, and a citizen by

treaty

of the

Cherokee, (freedman)

Nation;

that my postoffice address is

Catala,

(Here insert name of postoffice)

, Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with

Jennie Rowe, (freedman)

(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by

treaty

, of the

Cherokee, (freedman)

Nation;

and that said

Jennie Rowe,

(Here insert name of deceased)

died on the

8th,

day of

September,

1907.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Jennie Downing

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses)

Joseph S. Martin  
Wallace Dean

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

4th,

day of

April,

1907.

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F. M. Smith

Notary Public.

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DIVISION OF THE FINE DIVISION

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Office of the  
Commissioner of the  
General Land Office  
Washington, D.C.

Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, T. August 10, 1904

In the matter of the application of Martha A. Downing  
for the enrollment of herself and children, Ada, Washington and Viola  
Howe, Oliver, Maudie and Georgia Downing, and grandchild, Jennie  
Rowe, as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

ADA LANE, being sworn and examined by the Commission,  
testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Ada Lane.  
Q How old are you? A 15.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum.  
Q You are a Cherokee Freedman, is that so? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were emancipated? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Mitchell Lane.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A 28th day of April, 1903.  
Q Your husband claims to be a Cherokee Freedman does he? A Yes  
sir.

Mary B. Riesser, being duly sworn states that as stenog-  
rapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly  
recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the fore-  
going is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes  
therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this August 10, 1904.

*Mary B. Riesser*  
*James E. Forman*  
Notary Public.



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Cherokee Freedman 824.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
JENNIE ROWE as a Cherokee freedman.

O R D E R

THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW: That at Vinita, Indian Territory, May 14, 1901 Martha Downing appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment of, among others, her infant grand-child, Jennie Rowe as a Cherokee freedman. The others included in said application have heretofore been disposed of, and their rights to enrollment will not be considered at this time.

Since the application was received for the enrollment of said Jennie Rowe as a Cherokee freedman the Commission and the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes have diligently sought information which would enable them to determine whether or not said applicant was living September 1, 1902, and if so, whether or not she was entitled to enrollment on that date. No information has been secured tending to show the status of the said Jennie Rowe on September 1, 1902.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED: That the application for the enrollment of Jennie Rowe as a Cherokee freedman be, and the same is hereby dismissed.



Commissioner.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory

this FEB 28 1907.

Cherokee  
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Muskagee, Indian Territory, October 30, 1905.

Martha Downing,

Ketchum, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

On May 14, 1901, you made application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of Jennie Rowe, infant child of your daughter Ada Rowe. You were advised at that time that before the application for the enrollment of Jennie Rowe would be complete, it would be necessary that you supply this office with an affidavit as to the birth of the said Jennie Rowe. Such an affidavit has not yet been received, and you are now advised that your failure in forwarding the same has delayed, until this time, the approval of the final enrollment of this child.

There is inclosed to you herewith a blank form of birth affidavit, and you are requested to have this affidavit properly executed and return to this office at the very first possible date in order that the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of Jennie Rowe may be finally disposed of.

Respectfully,

Incl. GL-68.  
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Commissioner.



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Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wakta, T.T., May 12, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jack Baldridge for the enrollment of himself and six children as Cherokee Freedmen.  
Jack Baldridge, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Brashersridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Jack Baldridge.  
Q Who is it you apply for? A Myself and six children.  
Q You apply as a Cherokee Freedman do you? A Yes, sir.  
Q You apply for your children as Cherokee Freedmen? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know my age.  
Q As near as you can come? A About 45 I guess.  
Q What is your post office? A Wakta.  
Q In what district do you live? A I did live in this district, I live in Coconococowas now.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Fully enrolled, are you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A My father was Talake Baldridge.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I can't tell you how long he has been dead, I was small.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Lettie Vann.  
Q Is your mother living? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A I can't tell you that.  
Q You were little when she died? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Them that is living with me now, Minnie is the oldest one.  
Q These children are they all under 21 years of age? A Yes, sir, they are the youngest ones.  
Q And unmarried? A Yes, sir, unmarried.  
Q Give me the name of the oldest one? A Minnie is the oldest one.  
Q How old is that child? A I think she is about 16.  
Q The next child? A His name is Dick.  
Q How old is he? A He is 14 I think.  
Q Give me the next child? A John, he is about 12.  
Q Now the next child? A Charlie, he is 10.  
Q The next child? A Phoebe, she is 8.  
Q The next child? A Solomon, he is 6.  
Q Are these children all aliving now? A Yes, sir, they are all living.  
Q Their mother you say is dead? A Yes, sir, their mother is dead.  
Q What was her name? A Nancy.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead about 4 years I think, as near as I can come at it.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A She was a Shawnee, but then all these children has been enrolled withme ever since they were small.  
Q When were you and your wife married? A Well, I can't tell you how long it has been.  
Q About how long before Minnie was born? A You enrolled two of the oldest ones the other day.  
Q Is your wife with you in the fall of 1899? A Yes, sir.  
The 1899 authenticated roll of Cherokee freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Jack Baldridge on page 331, No. 389, Delaware district;  
Wife of applicant on page 331, No. 390, Delaware district, as Nancy Baldridge.  
The 1899 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants not identified thereon.



Jack Baldridge - 2.

The Kerna-Clifton roll examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Jack Baldridge on page 2, No. 122, ~~Seaweed~~ district.

Q You draw money for all these children? A Yes, sir, all but Minnie; she was left off.

Dick Baldridge on page 2, No. 201, ~~Seaweed~~ district;

John Baldridge on page 2, No. 202, ~~Seaweed~~ district;

Charlie Baldridge on page 2, No. 203, ~~Seaweed~~ district.

Phoebe Baldridge on page 2, No. 204, ~~Seaweed~~ district.

Q How did your child Minnie happen to be left off the Kerna-Clifton roll? A I can't tell you, I went there to have them all enrolled and gave in their names and when they came to pay off why they said their names couldn't be found.

Q And did you give in the name of your child Solomon also?

A Yes, sir.

Q Have you got somebody here who knows that Minnie and Solomon were your children? A Yes, sir, my sister is here I expect; she went to town a while ago but I expect she has got back.

Benjamin Nave, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Brackinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A Benjamin Nave.

Q How old are you? A 57 years old.

Q What is your post office? A Vinita.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.

Q Do you know Jack Baldridge? A Yes, sir.

Q What kin is he to you? A None at all.

Q Did you know his wife? A Yes, sir.

Q She is dead, isn't she? A Yes, sir.

Q Was she kin to you? A No, sir, she was a Shawnee.

Q What was her name? A Nancy Barlow before he got her.

Q Do you know their children? A Yes, sir.

Q How many children did Nancy leave, by this husband Jack? A Four boys and three girls I believe, or four.

Q What is the name of the oldest child? A Lou.

Q Any other name besides Lou? A I don't know all the names; got one named Dick, one named Minnie, one named Solomon, I ~~chance~~ remember all.

Q He has got one named Minnie? A Yes, sir, a cripple girl.

Q About how old is Minnie? Is she older than Dick? A I believe Dick is the eldest, I don't know whether Minnie is older than Dick or not.

Q Do you know of any reason why Minnie should have been left off the Kerna-Clifton roll? A No, sir.

Q She is the natural child, is she, of Jack and Nancy? A Yes, sir.

Q Child of that family and marriage? A Yes, sir, they lived right by us.

Q You know that of your own knowledge, you knew them well did you?

A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and six children. He is identified on the roll of 1880 and the Kerna-Clifton roll as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Of the six children named in the testimony, Dick, John, Charles and Phoebe are identified on the Kerna-Clifton roll; they are living, and they will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. The child Minnie is not identified upon the Kerna-Clifton roll, nor upon the roll of 1880, but it evidently arises from some form of error, as the child is

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That the said child is the son of the said mother  
who is identified by the said mother as the son  
of 1891. This child will be listed for  
enrollment as a child of the said mother with a  
certificate of the birth of the said child, which  
has been made, this child will be listed for enrollment  
in a separate division.

Ernest C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Ernest C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 14, 1901

Post Office

Vigita 29

District

Covington

1. Name

Jack Baldridge

Age

46

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1870

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No.

389

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Palawke Baldridge - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Lettie Carter - dead

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|     |                  |      |      |      |   |     |     |       |    |
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| 3   | Rich " "         | Year | 1870 | Page | 8 | No. | 201 | Dist. | 14 |
| 4   | John " "         | Year | "    | Page | 8 | No. | 202 | Dist. | 12 |
| 5   | Charles " "      | Year | "    | Page | 8 | No. | 203 | Dist. | 10 |
| 6   | Phoebe " "       | Year | "    | Page | 8 | No. | 204 | Dist. | 8  |
| 7   | Solomon " "      | Year | "    | Page | " | No. | "   | Dist. | 6  |
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Application made by

R. O. Jones

Stenographer

R. O. Jones

On K. C. roll Page 8 #196 - Co.

No. 7 aff. of birth required.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Solomon B. Aldridge

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved,

MAY 14 1901

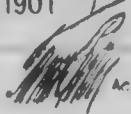
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ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,

of Solomon Baldridge born on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1894

Name of Father: Jack Baldridge a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Name of Mother: Nancy Baldridge a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Post-office, Viota I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF Father

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Jack Baldridge, on oath state that I am 46 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation; that I ~~was~~ the lawful husband of Nancy Baldridge ~~deceased~~ <sup>now</sup> deceased, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was (male or female.) born to us on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1894; that said child has been named Solomon Baldridge, and is now living.

WITNESSED TO MARK

Jack Baldridge

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Jack Baldridge the father, on oath state that Nancy Baldridge ~~deceased~~ <sup>now</sup> deceased and that child was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1894; that there was born to us on

said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been

named Solomon Baldridge. Midwife is also deceased.  
Jack Baldridge

WITNESSED TO MARK:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

**INFANT CHILD**

James L. Martin  
as a citizen of  
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Approved

July 1st 1901

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of James Logan Martin, born on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Lizzy Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Minnie Baldridge, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, White Oak Vinton W. V.

### AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Minnie Baldridge, on oath state that I am 16  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a Male child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901; that said child has been  
 named James Logan Martin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses)

Lama Rose  
Josh Martin

Minnie <sup>her</sup> Baldridge  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

### AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Eliza Martin, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Minnie Baldridge wife of \_\_\_\_\_  
 on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named James Logan Martin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses)

Josh Martin  
Jake Martin

Eliza <sup>her</sup> Martin  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1901.

L. F. Bailey  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Nowata, May 1, 1901.

In the matter of the application of James Logan Martin for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman;  
JACK BALDRIDGE, being sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jack Baldridge.  
Q What is your age? A About 46.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vinita.  
Q You applied and made application for the enrollment of your self and six children as Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation did you?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Your daughter Minnie, I believe, had a child? A Yes sir.  
Q What was the name of that child? A I didn't have the name, it wasn't more than about a day old when I went there.  
Q What is the name of the child now? A I give it the name of Logan.  
Q James Logan Martin? A Yes sir.  
Q Who was the reputed father of the child? A I don't know sir, she said it was Martin.  
Q The child is alive and living with you now? A Yes sir.  
Q Your daughter Minnie is the mother of the child? A Yes sir.  
Q Why didn't you apply for the enrollment of the child when you applied for yourself? A I don't know whether I could have it put on; you know the mid-wife wasn't up there.

Commission: Jack Baldridge this day appears before the Commission and applies for the enrollment of his grand-child, James Logan Martin, child of his daughter Minnie, who was listed on the 14th day of May for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Jack Baldridge produces satisfactory proof as to the birth of said child in form of birth affidavit; consequently said James Logan Martin will be listed with its mother for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 16, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Elmer R. Baldrige

as a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Elmer R. Baldridge, born on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Jack Baldridge, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Carrie Baldridge, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-Office: Catoosa, Ind. Ter.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }

INDIAN TERRITORY, }

Northern District. }

I, Carrie Baldridge, on oath state that I am 27  
 years of age and a citizen, by Blood, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Jack Baldridge, who is a citizen, by  
Blood, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(Male or female.)  
 born to me on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1902; that said child has been  
 named Elmer R. Baldridge, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Aug., 1902.

W W Whitman  
 Notary Public.

My Com Ex Nov 5 1903.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }

INDIAN TERRITORY, }

Northern District. }

I, Martha Albert, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Carrie Baldridge, wife of Jack Baldridge,  
 on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
 date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female.)  
 named Elmer R. Baldridge.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902.

William M. Hall.  
 Notary Public.  
My Com Ex Inck. 23 1904.


COMMISSIONER OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Jack Haldrup as an American citizen.

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT

An examination of the District of Columbia roll, known as the  
Wallace roll, shows that Winnie Haldrup is identified thereon, at  
page 25, 5509, Delaware District.

It is ordered that copies of this statement be filed with  
and made a part of the record in this case.

  
Commissioner.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Jack Caldwell*  
a citizen of the

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Jack Baldridge  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee (Freedman) Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Vinita  
(Here insert name of postoffice.) Ind. Ter., and died on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
March, 1903.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Lettie Brown, on oath state that I am 37  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee (Freedman) Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Vinita, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
a niece of Jack Baldridge  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Jack Baldridge died on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
March, 1903.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { F. E. Heckethorn  
J. M. Madison

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903.  
My Com Exp. May 21<sup>st</sup> 1908. F. M. Smith  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Jesse Rowe, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age, and a citizen by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Ketchum, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Jack Baldridge  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Jack Baldridge died on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
March, 1903.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { F. E. Heckethorn  
F. M. Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903.  
My Com Exp. May 21<sup>st</sup> 1908. F. M. Smith  
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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Minnie Baldridge*

a citizen of the

*Cherokee*

Nation.

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*J. S. Wright*  
Commissioner.  
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*J. S. Wright,*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Minnie Baldridge  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
Freedman Cherokee  
a citizen of the Vinita (Here insert name of postoffice.) Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Vinita (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
Nov, 1902.

State of Oklahoma  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ~~INDIAN TERRITORY~~,  
Muskogee County DISTRICT.

I, Jesse Rowe, on oath state that I am 43  
years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Vinita OKla (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter.; that I am  
a Cousin of Minnie Baldridge  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc. (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation  
and that said Minnie Baldridge (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
Nov, 1902.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1908.

John E. Tidwell  
Notary Public.

State of Oklahoma  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ~~INDIAN TERRITORY~~,  
Muskogee County DISTRICT.

I, Ed Lynch, on oath state that I am 37  
years of age, and a citizen by Blood of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Vinita (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Minnie Baldridge  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Minnie Baldridge (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the about 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
Nov, 1902.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of March, 1908.

John E. Tidwell  
Notary Public.

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**SPECIAL LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION**

**In County Court, Craig County.**

**In the Matter of the Estate of**

*Minnie B. Aldridge*  
**Deceased**

**ISSUED TO**

*Jesse R. Rower*  
on the *17th* day of  
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**County Judge.**

LETTERS OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION.

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }

ss.

In the County Court of said County.

COUNTY OF CRAIG.

In the Matter of the Estate of Minnie Baldridge Deceased.

Jesse Row is hereby appointed special administrator of the estate of Minnie Baldridge deceased, until general letters be granted, with full power and authority to collect and take charge of the estate of said deceased, in whatever county or counties the same may be found in this State and to exercise such other powers and perform such duties as may be necessary for the preservation of the estate, and as are provided by law.

Witness

Thos O B Frear Judge of the County Court of the County of Craig, with the seal thereof affixed, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1908.

Thos O B Frear  
Judge of the County Court.

State of Oklahoma, Craig County, ss.

I, Jesse Row do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform, according to law, the duties of Special Administrator of the estate of Minnie Baldridge deceased. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1908.

Jesse Row  
Thos O B Frear County Judge.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes  
CHEROKEE ENROLLMENT OFFICE.

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*To the Chief Clerk of the Cherokee Land Office:*

*This is to certify that the names of the following persons*

| <b>ROLL<br/>NUMBER</b> | <b>CARD<br/>NUMBER</b> | <b>NAME</b>  | <b>RELATIONSHIP<br/>TO PERSON<br/>FIRST NAMED</b> | <b>AGE</b> | <b>DEGREE OF<br/>BLOOD</b> |
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| F2011                  | 825                    | Minnie Baldridge<br>Represented by<br>Jesse Rowe Adm.<br>— |   | 17         | <del>H</del> Freed.        |
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*All appear upon the records of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.*

*J. S. Wright.*  
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**Commissioner.**

**Roll Clerk.**



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# Department of the Interior,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

James Rowe, being first duly sworn, on his oath  
says that Estates of Minnie Baedridge desires to make application to select in  
allotment the following described lands situated in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, to-wit:

SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of 12-20-15 - 20.70 acres of Lot 7, and SE  
10 acres of Lot 7 of 6-20-15

that he has been on the land and that it is improved, and that to the best of his knowledge and be-  
lief Charles H. Bacon is the owner of such improvements, and that they

were made by said owner prior to November 5, 1906; and that no other citizen of the Cherokee Nation entitled to  
take an allotment is in possession of said lands or improvements thereon. The said James Rowe

further agrees that in the event of the final allotment to Estates of Minnie  
Baedridge of the land hereby applied for, will pay to the said Charles H. Bacon

the value of said improvements as appraised by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized  
Tribes, the official designated by the Secretary of the Interior under the Act approved March 2, 1907 (Public 180.)

Witnesses:

James Rowe, Adm'r  
of Estates of Minnie Baedridge  
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 19 day of March, 1908.

John E. Tidwell

Notary Public.

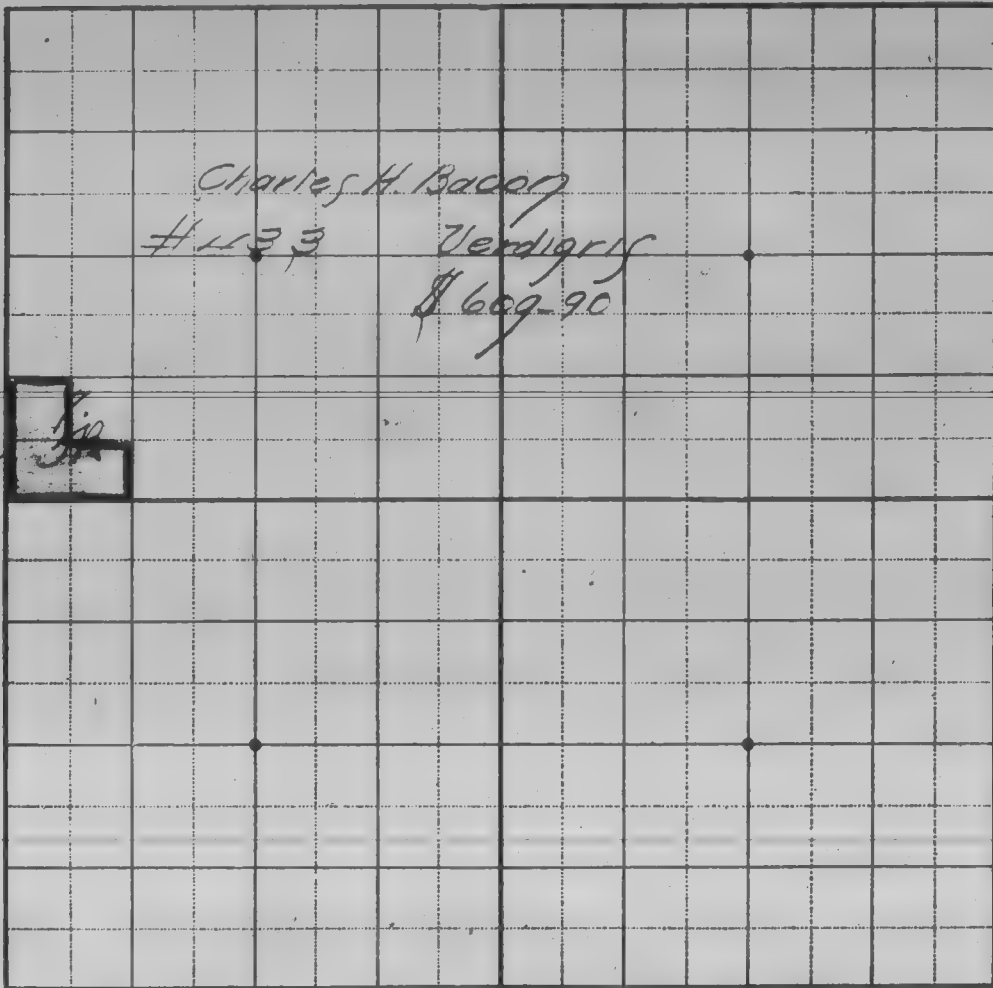
My commission expires May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1908.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
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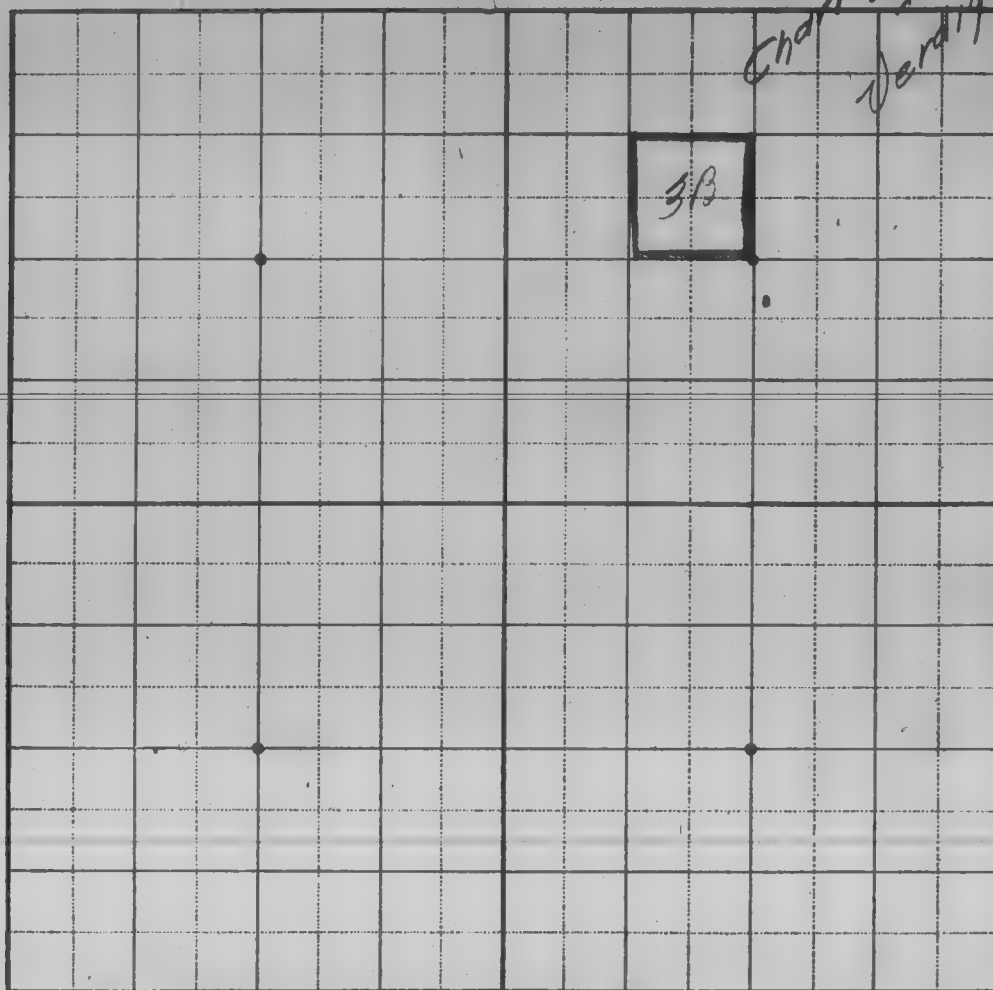
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Muskogee, Oklahoma, January 5, 1909.

IN THE MATTER of the date of the death of Jack and Minnie Baldridge, Cherokee Freedmen Card No. 888, roll No's. 2010 and 2011, respectively.

Lettie Warren, enrolled as Lettie Brown, after having first been duly sworn by Albert G. McMillan deputy clerk of the United Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, testified as follows at her home in Vinita, Oklahoma, November 8, 1909:

EXAMINATION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:  
Conducted by Albert G. McMillan.

- Q What is your name? A Lettie Warren.  
Q What is your age? A 41 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vinita, Oklahoma.  
Q Are you a freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you any kin to Jack Baldridge a Cherokee freedman? A Noice.  
Q Did he have a daughter by the name of Minnie? A Yes sir.  
Q Who was Minnie's mother? A Nancy Baldridge.  
Q Who was Jack Baldridge's father? A Talawka.  
Q What was the name of Jack Baldridge's mother? A Lettie Vann.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A Susan P. Vann.  
Q Was she an enrolled freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Your mother dead? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know when your mother died? A I don't remember the year but I know it was the 22nd of February 7 years ago.  
Q You say she has been dead 7 years the 22nd of last February? A Yes sir.  
Q Where did she die? A Here in Vinita.  
Q Did Jack Baldridge die before your mother did? A Week after she died.  
Q Where were you when Jack Baldridge died? A Close to Okowee about ten miles from here.  
Q How did you find Jack Baldridge was dead? A Some one come by my house and told me he had been dead about a week.  
Q But you are sure he just lived about a week after your mother died? A It could not have been longer than that and when I came back to town I found out that he was dead.  
Q Have you any record of your mother's death? A No sir, I have not.  
Q What Doctor attended your mother when she was sick? A Clink Seales waited on her.  
Q Is he a physician here in Vinita, Oklahoma? A Yes sir and we had another Doctor by the name of Craig.  
Q You say your mother died in your sister's house? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her name? A Mary C. Lane.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q Where does she live? A Chelsea, Oklahoma.

- Q What is her present name? A Mary C. Wilkins.  
 Q Have you a child about nine ye ars old? A Yes sir.  
 Q What is that child's name? A Howard Brown.  
 Q When was he born? A He was nine years old the first day of last July.  
 Q Did Minnie Baldridge have a child about the same time your child Howard was born? A Yes sir, he was nursing with my baby.  
 Q What was Minnie's child's name? A James Logan Martin.  
 Q Who was the father of James Logan Martin? A Lincy Martin.

(It appears from Cherokee Freedman Field card No. 825 upon which the name James L. Martin is enrolled as the grand son of Jack Baldridge and son of Minnie Baldridge and that he, James L. Martin, was two months and one-half old on July 1, 1901.)

- Q You say that this child of Minnie's and Howard nursed together? A Yes sir I let them both nurse together. It laid right beside my baby.  
 Q How old was Minnie's baby when she died? A It was over three months old and hardly looked that old.  
 Q Which one was born first? A Mine was about eight months old I guess.  
 Q Where did Minnie die? A On Grand River at my mother's house.  
 Q Were you at your mother's house when she died? A Yes sir.  
 Q Had she been away anywhere shortly before she died? A She had been to Chelsea at the enrolling of citizens and freedmen.  
 Q Did you see her at Chelsea at the time she went before the Deas Commission to be enrolled? A I saw her there then and she was sick then and had her little baby with her.  
 Q Her father Jack Baldridge was with her? A Yes sir.  
 Q Where did they go? A They went to Chelsea and then to White Oak and from there to Grand River to the house where she died.  
 Q How long was it from the time you saw her at Chelsea until you saw her at your mother's? A About two weeks I guess it was.  
 Q Did you nurse her baby after she died? A Yes sir.  
 Q And your boy was a baby then? A Yes sir.  
 Q How long did you take care of her baby after she died? A A couple of days and her sister came and took it off.  
 Q What is that sister's name? A Lula Martin. She has had it ever since then.

Witness excused.

n Charley Baldridge, after having first been duly sworn by Albert G. McMillan, deputy clerk of the United States Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, testified as follows, at the home of Lettie Warren, in Vinita, Oklahoma, November 8, 1909.

- Q What is your name? A Charley Baldridge.  
 Q How old are you? A 19 Years old.  
 Q What is your post office address? A Vinita, Oklahoma.  
 Q Are you a freedman of the Cherokee Nation? Yes sir.  
 Q What is the name of your father? A Jack Baldridge.  
 Q What is the name of your mother? A Nancy Baldridge.  
 Q Did you have a sister by the name of Minnie Baldridge? A Yes sir.  
 Q And a brother by the name of Dick? A Yes sir.  
 Q Is Dick living? A Yes sir.



- Q And a brother John? A Yes sir.  
 Q He living? A Yes sir.  
 Q Is your sister Minnie living? A Yes sir.  
 Q And brother Solomon? A Yes sir.  
 Q Do you know when your father died? A Sometime in March 1902.  
 Q Did you know Susan Vann the mother of Lettie Brown, who just testified? A She is my Aunt.  
 Q How long did your father Jack Baldridge live after Susan Vann died? A Just a week.  
 Q Where did he die? A Here in Vanita.  
 Q Do you know when your sister Minnie died? A She died shortly after the enrolling party was at Chelsea, Indian Territory.  
 Q Did she go before the enrolling party to be enrolled? A Yes sir.  
 Q You were with her? A No my father and sister Mandy Reese, they were all enrolled at the same time.  
 Q Did have a child by the name of James L. Martin? A Yes sir.  
 Q How old was it when it died? A About two or three months old.  
 Q Who took Minnie's child after she died? A Lela Martin, my sister.  
 Q Is it living? A Yes sir.  
 Q How old is he now? A About eight years old I guess maybe nine.  
 Q Where does Jesse now live? A He works for O. D. Merrill.

Witness excused.

Lettie Brown re-called and re-examined.

- Q Do you remember ever making affidavit as to the date of the death of Jack Baldridge? A I don't remember making any affidavit at all.  
 Q Then you might have made one but you don't remember it? A No sir, I don't remember it if I did. I don't think I made it.

Witness excused.

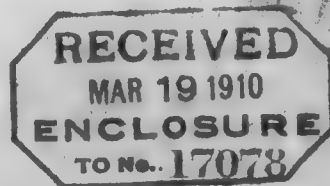
I, Frank L. Doble, Stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, state on oath that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes taken in the above cause on the date before mentioned.

*Frank L. Doble*  
 STENOGRAPHER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1910.

*J. Morrison*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Feb. 1, 1912



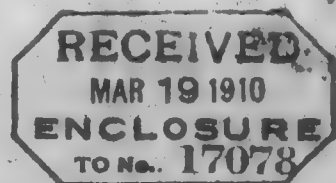
RECORD OF CONVEYANCE.

Character of Instrument Guardian's deed  
Grantor James Martin, Guardian of  
James Logan Master { Blood citizen  
P. C. { Nation, Roll No.  
Grantee William L. Canfield  
P. C.  
Description SE 10 9. and NW 20. 20 9. of Lot 7 - sec. 6 - 20 - 16  
SE NW of sec 12 - 20 - 15  
Consideration \$35.00  
Date of execution July 21 - 08  
Date acknowledged " 21 - 08  
Name of notary A. C. Brewster, County Judge Mayes Co  
Date filed for record July 23 - 08  
County Rogers Book 42 Page 59  
REMARKS: Deed was made on order of and approved  
by the county court of Mayes county

Hereunto is a correct abstract of the records of said conveyance, taken from  
the records of said county July 16 - 1910 1908, by

William B. Long  
Notary Public





RECORD OF CONVEYANCE.

Character of Instrument Real Estate Mortgage  
Grantor John L. Bacon } Blood citizen  
P. C.                      { (Nation, Roll No.                       
Grantee Chas. M. Lawson  
P. C.                       
Description N. W. 20 A. of Lot 7 and S E 10 A. of  
Lot 7, sec 6-20-16 and S E 10 A. of 12-20-15  
Consideration \$ 600 00  
Date of execution Sept 18 - 1908  
Date acknowledged " 18 - 1908  
Name of notary E. H. Kuykendall  
Date filed for record Sept 21 - 1908 215  
County Rogers Book 46 Page 320  
REMARKS:                     

Hereinafter is a correct abstract of the records of said conveyance, taken from  
the records of said county 111-1110, 1908, by

Frank B. Long  
District Agent.

Vinita, Okla. March 23, 1910.

IN ACCOUNT WITH  
LEWIS ROGERS

FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER  
License No. 261.

Empire Block  
Corner Illinois Ave and Scraper St.

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| 1903 Mar 1 | Jack Tolocki (Pneumonia) | Buried Mar 2, 1903 . |
| " Feb 22   | Sukey Pee                | " Feb 22, 1903       |

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I hereby certify this is a true copy of entrys in the  
funeral register as kept by Sam Frazer undertaker of Vinita Okla  
year 1903.

Lewis Frazer

Successor to Frazer Hardware Undertaking Dept.



Byars Oklahoma, March 29th 1910.

This is to certify that Minnie Baldrige, a Cherokee freedman the daughter of Jack Baldrige died in the month of June 1901 of Puerperal Septicemia near Ketchum, Okla. and that I was the attending Physician during her last sickness and at the time of her demise.

W. B. McDaniel, M.D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Muskogee, Oklahoma, April 1, 1910.

In the matter of the date of the death of JACK and MINNIE BALDRIDGE, Cherokee Freedmen Card No. 825, Roll No's. 20010 and 2011 respectively, and SUSAN PEE, nee VANN, Cherokee Freedmen Card No. 1480, Roll No. 4032.

The witnesses in this case were sworn by Mr. S. A. Mills, Deputy Clerk for the U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Oklahoma.

EXAMINATION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

Testimony of JESSE ROWE, taken at Vinita, Oklahoma,  
March 22, 1910.

By Mr. S. A. Mills-

- Q What is your name? A Jesse Rowe.
- Q How old are you? A 47 years old, last November, 1909.
- Q What is your postoffice address? A Vinita, Oklahoma.
- Q Are you a citizen of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians? A Yes sir, that is, I am a Cherokee freedman, a citizen by adoption.
- Q Can you read or write the English language? A Yes sir.
- Q Do you know a person by name of Jack Baldridge? A Yes, he is dead; he was my cousin; he was also called and known as Jack Telecki, an Indian name.
- Q When did Jack Baldridge die? A He died either in February or March, 1902.
- Q Where did Jack Baldridge die? A Here in Vinita, and is buried in City of Vinita graveyard.
- Q Do you know who the doctor was, if any, who attended Jack Baldridge in his last sickness? A Yes sir, Dr. A. J. Jordan.
- Q What is his postoffice address? A At Chickasha, Chickasaw Nation.
- Q Do you know a person known as Minnie Baldridge? A Yes sir, she is also kin of mine; she is a daughter of Jack Baldridge; she is dead also.
- Q When did she die? A I think about May or June before her father died. He died in the year 1903 and she died in 1902; it wasn't very long before her father, Jack Baldridge, died, maybe a year.
- Q Where did Minnie Baldridge die? A On Grand River, near Ketchum, Oklahoma, at the home of Susan Pee, her aunt; she was a Vann, sister of Jack Baldridge.
- Q What doctor attended her during her last sickness? A Dr. McDaniel, Big Cabin, Oklahoma.
- Q Where was she buried? A In our family graveyard, about three miles southeast of Ketchum, on east side of Grand River; I helped to bury her.
- Q How old was Minnie Baldridge when she died, if you know? A Somewhere about 16 or 17 years old.

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- Q Was Minnie Baldrige married at time of her death? A No, but she was living with one \_\_\_\_\_ Martin and they had a child, now named Logan L. Martin, who is now living with his aunt, Lula Martin. He was about three months old when his mother, Minnie, died.
- Q Where was the coffin for Minnie Baldrige bought? A I don't know; Jim Martin, her brother-in-law got it.
- Q Do you know one Susan Vann? A Yes, she is dead; she was a sister of Jack Baldrige and aunt of Minnie Baldrige, and died before Jack Baldrige died.
- Q When did she die? A In spring of 1903; it was sometime in 1903; I helped to bury her.
- Q Where was she buried? A In our family graveyard on Grand River; she is buried right side of Minnie Baldrige.
- Q What doctor attended to Susan Vann during her last sickness? A I don't know.
- Q By whom and where was the coffin of Susan Pee, nee Vann, bought? A By James Lefore, of Vinita, Oklahoma.
- Q Was anyone appointed as administrator of the estate of Minnie Baldrige? A Dr. A. J. Jordan.
- Q Did Jack Baldrige at time of his death leave any children? A Yes, Minnie, Dick, John, Charles, Phoebe and Solomon; none were of age when their father, Jack Baldrige, died.
- Q Who was appointed guardian of these children? A James Lefore.
- Q Who was appointed administrator of the estate of Minnie Baldrige? A I was, March, 1908.
- Q What estate did Minnie Baldrige have? A None, only her share in the tribal property of the Cherokee Nation.
- Q Did you ever receive as such administrator her share of that property? A Yes sir, I filed her in section-- I forget, township 20, range 15.
- Q What have you done with that estate? A I am holding it for her son, Logan L. Martin.
- Q Who was appointed as guardian, if there be one, of this child, Logan L. Martin? A James L. Martin, an uncle by marriage of the boy.
- Q Where was you appointed administrator of the estate of Minnie Baldrige? A At Vinita. It was this way. I found out Minnie wasn't filed, so was appointed administrator so as to file her.
- Q You stated that Minnie died in summer of 1902; you are quite sure of that are you? A Yes.
- Q How do you arrive so positively as to the time of the death of Minnie Baldrige? A I was at the funeral; I remember Susan Vann died in the winter of 1903. Then a little while after Jack Baldrige, brother of Susan Vann, died, and Minnie Baldrige died the summer before. We buried Susan Vann in our family graveyard on Grand River; and when Jack Baldrige died here in Vinita it was so muddy that we couldn't get out to our graveyard and so we buried him in Vinita graveyard.

Witness excused.

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EXAMINATION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

Testimony of Lettie Warren, nee Brown, nee Pee,  
taken at Vinita, Oklahoma, March 23, 1910.

By Mr. S. A. Mills--

- Q What is your name? A Lettie Warren; I was Mrs. Brown and was before that Lettie Pee.
- Q How old are you? A I will be 42 years in April.
- Q What is your postoffice address? A Vinita, Oklahoma.
- Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes.
- Q Do you know one Minnie Baldrige? A Yes, but she is dead.
- Q When did Minnie Baldrige die? A Let me see-- my son will be 10 years old on July 1st next this year and he was about eight months old when Minnie Baldrige died. She died in 1901. I know that when she died she had a little nursing baby; that was what caused her death, and I nursed her baby several days with my baby; then Minnie's sister, Lula Martin, took the baby and has raised it; this was in June, I think, of 1901.
- Q Was Minnie Baldrige any relation to yourself? A Yes, she was my first cousin. You see Jack Baldrige, the father of Minnie Baldrige, was my mother's brother.
- Q What was your mother's name? A Susan Pee, her maiden name was Susan Vann, and Jack Baldrige was a full brother to Susan Vann. Susan Vann took the name from her owners when she was a slave and Jack's father had been owned earlier by a Baldrige and he took the name of and was known as a Baldrige, and Jack took his name, while Susan took the name of Vann, the owner of her at time of her birth.
- Q Where is this Susan Pee, nee Vann? A She is dead; she died nearly a year after Minnie died.
- Q When did Susan Pee, nee Vann, die? A February 22, 1901.
- Q What doctor attended Minnie Baldrige during her last sickness and time of her death? A A Dr. McDaniel.
- Q Where does he live? A At Big Cabin, Oklahoma, last I knew of him.
- Q Where was the coffin for Minnie obtained? A It was a home made coffin.
- Q Who was attending physician at the time of last sickness and death of Susan Pee, nee Vann? A Dr. Clinkscales and Dr. Craig, of Vinita.
- Q Where was the coffin of Susan Pee, nee Vann, obtained? A Of Sam Frazee, of Vinita.
- Q Where was Minnie Baldrige and Susan Pee, nee Vann, buried? A At Post oak Flat, near Ketchum, Oklahoma.
- Q Do you know Jack Baldrige, the father of Minnie Baldrige? A Yes, he is dead too.
- Q When did he die? A He died just about one week after my mother, Susan Pee, died.
- Q When was it, the day, month and year, if you know, that he died? A Somewhere about the first of March, 1901.
- Q How do you fix the dates of the deaths of Minnie Baldrige, Susan Pee, nee Vann, and Jack Baldrige, so positively? A Well, I know because I was there and have talked with it over with the folks at home. It was in the summer time that Minnie Baldrige died and in the spring when mother, Susan Pee, and Jack Baldrige died. It was rainy and the roads were very muddy.

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We were just able to get mother over Grand River to our g  
family graveyard, but it got so awful muddy that they couldn't  
take Jack Baldridge out there, so had to bury him in Vinita.

Q What is the name of this child of Minnie? A James Logan  
Martin.

Q Where is he now? A He is alive and living with his aunt, Lula  
Martin; she lives near Ketchum, Oklahoma.

Witness excused.

EXAMINATION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

Testimony of LUBERTA MARTIN, taken at Vinita,  
Oklahoma, March 26, 1910.

By Mr. S. A. Mills-

What is your name? A Luberta Martin; they call me Lula Martin.

Q How old are you? A 34 years old next month in April.

Q What is your postoffice address? A Ketchum, Oklahoma.

Q Are you a member of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, I am a  
Cherokee freedman.

Q Do you know one Minnie Baldridge? A Yes sir; she is dead;  
she was my sister; she was younger than me.

Q When did Minnie Baldridge die? A She died in June, 1901, just  
after her baby was born.

Q Where did she die? A At the home of my aunt, Susan Pee.

Q Who was present at the time of Minnie Baldridge's death?

A Myself, my aunt, Susan Pee, and cousin, Lettie Warren, and  
some more, I cannot recall just who they were.

Q Who was this aunt, Susan Pee? A She is a sister of my father,  
Jack Baldridge; she was a Vann, that is, Vann was the name  
of her owner in slavery days.

Q Was Jack Baldridge, the father of Minnie Baldridge, present?  
A No.

Q Where was he when Minnie Baldridge, his daughter, died, if you  
know? A He was at Chelsea, running a hack between Chelsea  
and Nowata for a living.

Q He was alive then? A Yes.

Q How was it, if you know how it was, Minnie Baldridge died at  
the home of your aunt, Susan Pee? A Well, you see Minnie  
Baldridge was taken sick on Pryor Creek; they took her to her  
half-sister's, Mandy Reese, at Whiteoak; then Mandy Reese  
brought her to Aunt Susan's and in about a little over a week  
she died; I was with Minnie all the time she was sick and with  
her when she died at Aunt Susan's.

Q What doctor attended Minnie Baldridge during her last sickness?  
A A Dr. McDaniel, of Big Cabin, Oklahoma.

Q Where was Minnie buried? A In our family graveyard near there.

Q Where was the coffin obtained for Minnie Baldridge? A It was  
home made, they made it there.

Q Where is this aunt, Susan Pee, nee Vann, at this time? A She  
is dead.



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- Q When did she die? A The next spring, in February, 1902.
- Q Where did she die? A On Grand River at the old home.
- Q What doctor attended Susan Pee during her last sickness?  
A Dr. Clinkscales and Craig.
- Q Who furnished the coffin? A Sam Frazer, of Vinita.
- Q Where is Jack Baldridge, the father of Minnie Baldridge? A He is dead too; he died about a week after Aunt Susan died; he had pneumonia.
- Q Where was it he died? A In Vinita, Oklahoma.
- Q Where was he buried? A In Vinita graveyard.
- Q What doctor attended him in his last sickness? A Dr. A. J. Jordan; I hear he is at Chickasha now. He moved away.
- Q Where was the coffin obtained? A I don't know.
- Q How do you fix the date of the death of Minnie Baldridge and of Susan Pee, nee Vann, and Jack Baldridge so positively?  
A Minnie Baldridge was my sister and I was with her when she died and I took her child; the birth of which caused her death, and I am raising him, and he is nine years old next month; and I set down the age of the baby as Minnie gave it to me. Aunt Susan lived about two miles from my home; she was in Vinita when she died; they brought her body out home and they buried her in the old family graveyard where Minnie is buried. I was at the burying and my father, Jack Baldridge, he died just about a week later in Vinita and was buried in Vinita because the roads were so bad they could not bring him out to our graveyard.
- Q You are sure that Minnie died first, then Susan Pee, nee Vann, and then Jack Baldridge died after Susan Pee, nee Vann? A Yes sir, I am sure of it, I know it; they were all in the family, sister, father and aunt.
- Q You say that you are raising the son of Minnie Baldridge; what is his name? A James Logan Martin.
- Q Has he a legal guardian? A Yes, my husband, James Martin, was appointed by the court as his guardian.
- Q You are sure as to the age of this child being nine years old next month? A Yes sir, he will be nine years old the 27th day of April, 1910; I know because I set it down in our family record.
- Q Did you have a record of all the deaths and births in your family, that is, your father's family? A Not all of my father's family but my family since I was married.
- Q Was your father, Jack Baldridge, sometimes called by or known by any other name than Jack Baldridge? A Yes, sometimes some people called him Tolocki, that was his Indian name; his father's Indian name was Tolocki; he got the name of Baldridge from his mother's first owner; his mother was a slave.

Witness excused.

EXAMINATION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

Testimony of RICHARD BALDRIDGE, taken at Vinita,  
Oklahoma, March 23, 1910.

By Mr. C. A. Mills-

- Q What is your name? A Richard Baldridge.
- Q How old are you? A 25 years old.

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- Q What is your postoffice? A Vinita, Oklahoma.
- Q Are you a member of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, I am a Cherokee freedman.
- Q Do you know one Jack Baldridge? A Yes, he was my father but he is dead now.
- Q When did your father, Jack Baldridge, die? A I don't know the year, about eight or nine years ago.
- Q Was you present when he died, or at his burial? A No, we lived on Grand River; the roads were so muddy that we couldn't travel; first think we knew we heard that father had died at Vinita, and the roads were so bad that they couldn't bring him home or the news to us; that was about a week after he was buried.
- Q Was your father, Jack Baldridge, known by or called any other name than Jack Baldridge, that is, did he have an Indian name? A Yes sir, I have heard him called Jack Tolecki by other people; that was the Indian name of his father.
- Q You know what doctor attended him in his last sickness and what undertaker, or who furnished the coffin he was buried in? A No sir, I was a boy when he died and didn't pay any attention to such things.
- Q Do you know Minnie Baldridge? A Yes, she was my sister, she is dead.
- Q When did your sister, Minnie Baldridge, die? A I don't know just when she died; she died before my father about a year.
- Q Have you any record of her death or that of your father, Jack Baldridge, or know of anyone who has such a record? A No sir.
- Q Do you know who the doctor was that attended to her in her last sickness? A No, I don't remember much about it.
- Q Do you know Susan Pee? A Yes, she was my aunt; she is dead too.
- Q When did she die? A About same time father died, just a few days before.
- Q Where did Susan Pee die? A In Vinita; they brought her out home and buried her. It was stormy and the roads were awful muddy, we could hardly move about.
- Q Do you know anything about her death, who was attending her or who was with her? A No, I don't know.
- Q Are you sure that Minnie, your sister, died first? A Yes.
- Q And Susan Pee next and before your father? A Yes, Minnie died sometime before Aunt Susan and father, who died right after Aunt Susan died.
- Q Do you remember, or have you any way of making the several dates of the death of Minnie, your aunt Susan and your father more positive? A No, I don't know.

Witness excused.

EXAMINATION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

Testimony of Dr. James W. Craig, taken at Vinita,  
Oklahoma, March 24, 1910.

By Mr. S. A. Mills-

- Q What is your name? A James W. Craig.

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- Q What is your age? A 39 years.
- Q What is your postoffice address? A Vinita, Oklahoma.
- Q What is your profession? A A regular practicing physician and surgeon.
- Q How long have you been practicing medicine in this vicinity? A I located here in Vinita on November 1st, 1902.
- Q During your practice did you visit one Susan Pee, nee Vann? A Yes sir.
- Q When was that? A During the month of February, 1903.
- Q Then in the month of February, 1903, Susan Pee, nee Vann, was alive? A Yes sir.
- Q Have you any record of the visits you state you made Susan Pee, nee Vann? A No, I have no record whatever, as I was paid cash for the visits, so made no note book entry for the visits; I made three visits.
- Q Are you quite sure and positive that it was in the year 1903 and not 1902 that you, as a physician, visited Susan Pee, nee Vann, and saw her alive? A I am certain of that.
- Q Do you know when she died? A I only know from the report that she died about a week after my last visit.
- Q Please tell me the recollection of your attendance upon Susan Pee? A I have no record of any visits to Susan Pee, who I also knew as Susan Vann and Suckey Pee; I know I visited her in January or February, 1903. I know it was not in 1902, as I was not practicing medicine here until November, 1902, as up to that time I was practicing medicine in Missouri, and it was the next spring when I attended Susan Vann. I was not present when she died. They came in and told me she was dead and I paid no further attention to the matter. I didn't make any book account with them because we didn't consider their account good and always made them pay cash before we would go out and see them; they, knowing that, brought the money to pay for the visit, and we didn't put it down, and we kept no records of the death of our patients then, because it wasn't required.

Witness excused.

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Testimony of DR. W. B. McDANIEL, taken at Byars,  
Oklahoma, March 29, 1910.

By Mr. S. A. Mills-

- Q What is your name? A W. B. McDaniel.
- Q What is your age? A 42 years old.
- Q What is your postoffice address? A Byars, Oklahoma.
- Q What is your profession? A Practicing physician and surgeon.
- Q Was you practicing medicine in 1901? A Yes sir.
- Q Where? A At Zena and Big Cabin, old Indian Territory then.
- Q Did you know one Minnie Baldrige? A Yes, she was a Cherokee freedman, the daughter of Jack Baldrige.
- Q Where is she now? A Dead.

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- Q How do you know that she is dead? A I was her attending physician at the time of her death.
- Q When did she die? A In June, 1901.
- Q How do you fix the date so positive. Have you a record of her death? A It was the year that I graduated and one of my first cases after I came to Big Cabin; it was in June, 1901; it was an interesting case; I graduated in 1901. Then we did not keep a record of deaths during those years, because the law did not require it as it does now.
- Q Then you are quite positive that the death of Minnie Baldridge occurred in June, 1901? A Yes sir, there is no mistake about it.
- Q Doctor, will you furnish me a certificate of the death of Minnie Baldridge and the date of her death? A Yes sir.

Here Dr. McDaniel offered the attached certificate as to the date of death of Minnie Baldridge, Cherokee freedman.

Witness excused.

#### Statement by Mr. Mills.

I saw Dr. Clinkscale at Vinita, Oklahoma, who stated that he remembered one Suskey Pee, also known as Susan Vann, and Jack Baldridge; that he attended them several times in times of their sickness; that he knows in a general way that they are dead, but he has no record of his visits or their deaths, and he cannot recall positively state what year they died, as he kept no record as the law at that time did not require physicians to keep such record.

I also called upon Lewis Rogers, Undertaker, at Vinita, Oklahoma and found he had in his custody what purports to be the funeral record as kept by one Sam Frazee, a former undertaker, at Vinita, Indian Territory, in the year 1903, and said record shows entered as follows-

February 22, 1903.

Suskey Pee died of pneumonia, buried February 22, 1903.

Also an entry-

March 3, 1903.

Jack Tolocki died of pneumonia, buried March 2, 1903.

I obtained from Mr. Rogers a certificate of said copies of said entries as they appear in the funeral register as kept by Sam Frazee as before mentioned.

I also searched the records of the probate division in the County Court in and for the County of Craig, State of Oklahoma, and found in the files of probate case, No. 943, a petition and application for the appointment of an administrator in re estate Jack Baldridge-

Case No. 943

Vinita, I. T.

United States of America, }  
Indian Territory, } ss.  
Northern District, }

In re estate of death of  
JACK and MINNIE BALDRIDGE  
and SUSAN PEE-----

A. J. Jordan, M. D., of Vinita, I. T., says that the best of his knowledge and belief the valuation of the estate of Jack Baldrige, who died in said district of the Indian Territory, of which he was a resident, on or about the 1st day of March, 1903, his abatement worth \$325.00; that the heirs of Jack Baldrige, deceased, are

Dick Baldrige, residing in Vinita, I. T.  
Solomon Baldrige, " " " "  
Charley Baldrige, " " " "  
Phoebe Baldrige, " " " "  
John Baldrige " " " "

Dr. A. J. Jordan asks to be appointed administrator because he is a creditor of the estate and no one has as yet taken out letters of administration; that said Jack Baldrige died without a will; that he will make a perfect inventory of and faithfully administer all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of said deceased and pay his debts so far as the assets, which may come to his hand, will extend and the law directs; and that he will account for and pay over, according to law all assets, which shall come to his hand or possession; that Carrie Baldrige has waived her right to act as administratrix for the deceased, Jack Baldrige, and the same is filed herewith.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 3rd day of August, 1904.

A. J. Jordan, M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of August, 1904.

Charles A. Davidson,  
Clerk.

By T. A. Chandler,  
D. C.

The above petition was duly acted upon and A. J. Jordan duly appointed as the administrator of the estate of Jack Baldrige.

Statement by Mr. S. A. Mills.

I will here state that an instrument, purporting to be a waiver of Carrie Baldrige, above referred to, was signed by her on August 2nd, 1904, and drawn and acknowledged in regular form and filed with above petition.

It may be noted by above petition and sworn statement that the name of Minnie Baldrige does not appear as an heir.

I also at same time found in the files of said court a petition, the application for administrator in re estate of Susan Pee.



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United States of America, )  
Indian Territory, ) ss.  
Northern District, )

Josh Vann says that to the best of his knowledge and belief the value of the estate of Susan Pee, who died in said district of the Indian Territory, and of which he is a resident on or about the 22 day of February, 1903, is \$325.00, and that the heirs of Susan Pee, deceased, are-

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Josh Vann,        | Ketchum, I. T. |
| Lettie Brown,     | Vinita, I. T.  |
| Mary C. Lane      | " "            |
| Mattie Vann,      | " "            |
| James Vann,       | " "            |
| Gertie May Landun | " "            |
| Obee Landun       | " "            |
| Albert Landun     | " "            |

and that said Susan Pee died without a will.

(Signed) Josh Vann

Subscribed and sworn to 1st day of February, 1906.

E. M. Prebaser,  
Clerk.

It may be noted from the foregoing petition that the date of the death of Susan Pee is given as the 22 day of February, 1903.

I further found in the files of said court a petition-

State of Oklahoma, ) ss.  
County of Craig, )

Petition for the appointment of administrator in re estate Mimie Baldridge, deceased.

To the Honorable Theo D. B. Frear, Judge of the County Court of the County of Craig, State of Oklahoma:

The petition of James Martin, of the County of Mayes, and state aforesaid, respectfully represents that Mimie Baldridge died intestate on or about the 1st day of November, A. D., 1902., asking that one Jesse Rowe be appointed as such administrator.

It further appears that on the same day, March 17, 1908, that said Jesse Rowe was duly appointed as special administrator, but, in the order, the date of death is set out as on or about the first day of November, 1903, and said order was duly signed.

Theo D. B. Frear,  
Judge.

I will here add that the date in the body of the petition, wherein it is set out that the said Mimie Baldridge died on or about the 1st day of November, A. D., 1902, that there has been a change in the figure, and it looks as though the figure 3 has been written and then the figure 2 in heavy ink written over the figure 3. I called the court's attention to this seemingly change and the court was unable in any way to explain the apparent change of figures, making it uncertain whether the date originally

are of the death of  
JACK A. BROWN  
and GUY A. BROWN

was intended to show that  
I was unable to find any other persons having to do  
with the death of Minnie Ballou.

I, Stephen A. Mills, an employee of the Commissioner to  
the Five Civilized Tribes, hereby certify that on March 22, 23,  
24 and 29, 1910, I secured the foregoing evidence in the above  
entitled case, and that the within and foregoing is true and  
correct as shown by my notes taken in said cases on said dates.

Stephen A. Mills

Subscribed and sworn to before me April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1910.

My commission expires March 11, 1911

S. P. Morrison  
Notary Public.

Cherokee 2.222

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 8, 1902.

Jack Baldrige,

Catoosa, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

The Commission is in receipt of birth affidavit in the matter of the application for the enrollment, as a Cherokee Freedman, of Elmer R. Baldrige, infant child of yourself and Carrie Baldrige.

When you applied to this Commission for your own enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman you stated at that time that you were not married. Before the application for the enrollment of your child, Elmer R. Baldrige, can be further considered, it will be necessary that you supply the Commission with the original or certified copy of your marriage license and certificate showing your marriage to Carrie Baldrige.

Please give this matter your prompt attention.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

Cherokee Press

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 10, 1902.

Jack Walbridge,

Okemah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

There is enclosed you herewith copy of a letter written you on September 8, 1902, and to which the Commission has not yet received a reply.

If you desire this child listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, you should give this matter your earliest attention.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Enc. M-39

I. V. Adams 433  
Chas. H. 10421

Muskogee, Oklahoma, March 25, 1908.

Mr. Charles H. Bacon,  
Verdigris, Oklahoma.

Sir:

You are hereby notified that on March 19, 1908, Jesse Rowe of Vinita, Oklahoma, made application, as administrator of the estate of Minnie Baldrige, deceased, to take in allotment for said estate the SE/4 of NW/4 of section 12, township 20 north, range 15 east, and the W 20.70 acres and the SE 10 acres of Lot 7, section 6, township 20 north, range 16 east, the improvements upon which have been appraised as your property under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1907 (Public No. 180).

433 You are further notified that under the Regulations prescribed by the Department of the Interior to carry into effect the provisions of said Act of Congress, you are required within sixty days from date hereof to give to Jesse Rowe, administrator of the estate of Minnie Baldrige, deceased, a bill of sale of the prescribed form, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, for the improvements upon this land, and upon your failure to do so you will be deemed to have abandoned and forfeited your right to sell said improvements under the Act of March 2, 1907.



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Refer in reply to the following:

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Cherokee F-825.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, January 29, 1910.

Mr. John Baldrige,  
Vinita, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Evidence has been secured by this office showing that your father, Jack Baldrige, and sister, Minnie Baldrige, whose names appear on the roll of Cherokee freedmen opposite Nos. 2010 and 2011, respectively, died prior to September 1, 1902.

The act of Congress of July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 716), contains the following provision:

"That no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any person, or to the heirs of any person, whose name is on said roll and who died prior to the first day of September, nineteen hundred and two. The right of such person to any interest in the lands or other tribal property shall be deemed to have become extinguished and to have passed to the tribe in general upon his death before said date, and any person or persons who may conceal the death of anyone on said roll as aforesaid for the purpose of profiting by said concealment, and who shall knowingly receive any portion of any land or other tribal property or of the proceeds so arising from any allotment prohibited by this section, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be proceeded against as may be provided in other cases of felony, and the penalty for this offense shall be confinement at hard labor for a period of not less than one year nor more than five years, and in addition thereto a forfeiture to the Cherokee Nation of the lands, other tribal property, and proceeds so obtained."

John Baldridge - 2.

You are, therefore, notified that on or before February 28, 1910, you may appear at this office, if you so desire, to show cause why recommendation should not be made to the Department of the Interior that the following notation be placed opposite the names of Jack Baldridge and Minnie Baldridge on the approved roll of Cherokee freedmen:

"Died prior to September 1, 1902; not entitled to land or money."

Respectfully,

*Thos. G. ...*  
Acting Com.

WSDM (LBA)

Register.

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Refer in reply to the following:

Cherokee F-825.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, January 29, 1910.

Mr. Dick Baldrige,

Vinita, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Evidence has been secured by this office showing that your father, Jack Baldrige, and sister, Minnie Baldrige, whose names appear on the roll of Cherokee freedmen opposite Nos. 2010 and 2011, respectively, died prior to September 1, 1902.

The act of Congress of July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 716), contains the following provision:

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Jack Baldridge - 2.

You are, therefore, notified that on or before February 28, 1910, you may appear at this office, if you so desire, to show cause why recommendation should not be made to the Department of the Interior that the following notations be placed opposite the names of Jack Baldridge and Minnie Baldridge on the approved roll of Cherokee freedmen:

"Died prior to September 1, 1902; not entitled to land or money."

Respectfully,

*Thos Ryan*  
Acting Commissioner.

WSDM (LBA)

Register.



Cherokee F-825.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, January 22, 1910.

Mr. A. J. Jordan,  
Vinita, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Evidence has been secured by this office showing that Jack Baldridge, whose name appears on the roll of Cherokee freedmen opposite No. 2010, and of whose estate you are the administrator, died prior to September 1, 1902.

The act of Congress of July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 716), contains the following provision:

"That no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any person, or to the heirs of any person, whose name is on said roll and who died prior to the first day of September, nineteen hundred and two. The right of such person to any interest in the lands or other tribal property shall be deemed to have become extinguished and to have passed to the tribe in general upon his death before said date, and any person or persons who may conceal the death of anyone on said roll as aforesaid for the purpose of profiting by said concealment, and who shall knowingly receive any portion of any land or other tribal property or of the proceeds so arising from any allotment prohibited by this section, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be proceeded against as may be provided in other cases of felony, and the penalty for this offense shall be confinement at hard labor for a period of not less than one year nor more than five years, and in addition thereto a forfeiture to the Cherokee Nation of the lands, other tribal property, and proceeds so obtained."

A. J. [illegible]

You are, therefore, notified that on or before February 22, 1920, you may appear in this office, if you so desire, on which cause my recommendation should not be made to the Department of the Interior and the following notation be placed opposite the name of Jack [illegible] on the approved roll of (honorable freedmen):

"Died prior to September 1, 1908; not entitled to land or money."

Respectfully,

WSDM (LBA)

Acting Commissioner.

Register.

Cherokee 7-325.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, January 29, 1910.

Mr. Jesse Rowe,  
Vinita, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Evidence has been secured by this office showing that Minnie Baldrige, whose name appears on the roll of Cherokee freedmen opposite No. 2011, and of whose estate you are the administrator, died prior to September 1, 1902.

The act of Congress of July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 716), contains the following provision:

"That no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any person, or to the heirs of any person, whose name is on said roll and who died prior to the first day of September, nineteen hundred and two. The right of such person to any interest in the lands or other tribal property shall be deemed to have become extinguished and to have passed to the tribe in general upon his death before said date, and any person or persons who may conceal the death of anyone on said roll as aforesaid for the purpose of profiting by said concealment, and who shall knowingly receive any portion of any land or other tribal property or of the proceeds so arising from any allotment prohibited by this section, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be proceeded against as may be provided in other cases of felony, and the penalty for this offense shall be confinement at hard labor for a period of not less than one year nor more than five years, and in addition thereto a forfeiture to the Cherokee Nation of the lands, other tribal property, and proceeds so obtained."

You are, therefore, notified that on or before  
February 28, 1930, you may appear at this office, if you so  
desire, to show cause why compensation should not be made to  
the Department of the Interior from the following citation be  
placed opposite the name of Minnie Siskind on the approved  
roll of Harrover treatment.

Died prior to September 1, 1909; not enti-  
tled to land or money.

Respectfully,

WMH (LRA)

Acting Commissioner.

Register.

2012-1910

Chickasha, Okla. 2-24-10

To the Hon. Commissioners.

Dear Sirs: Your notice received, today referring to the estate of Jack Maldrige Deceased and the time of his death.

He (Jack Maldrige) "Deceased" Died in the year of (1903) nineteen hundred three, March 1st first at 8:15 A. M. with Pneumonia. I was the attending Physician at the time of his death.

Respect

(Signed) A. J. Jordan M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 25th day of February 1910.

(Signed) E. M. Cavett,  
Notary Public.

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My Commission expires Feb. 9th 1911.

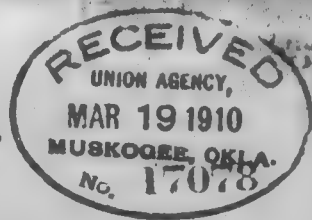


In reply please refer  
to the following:

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RSC-LML

Subject: Requesting  
Take-Offs of Land  
Described.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,  
UNION AGENCY,  
MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA,



Nowata, Oklahoma, March 17, 1910.

Hon. Dana H. Kelsey,

United States Indian Superintendent,

Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Sir:

In accordance with instructions in your letter of March 7, 1910, in which you referred to a letter from the Acting Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated March 3, 1910, requesting take-offs of all conveyances of record affecting the lands of Minnie Balbridge, Cherokee Freedman, Roll No. 2011, and Dinah Drew, Cherokee Freedman, Roll No. 4052, take-offs are herewith, inclosed.

Respectfully,

*Wm. J. Long*  
District Agent.

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Washoe, Oklahoma, April 2, 1910.

SUBJECT:

In re Date of the  
Death of Susan Pee,  
nee Vann, Jack and  
Minnie Baldridge,  
Cherokee Freedmen.

Hon. Thomas Ryan,

Acting Commissioner to the  
Five Civilized Tribes.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that, in accordance with your recent order, that I investigate and ascertain, if possible, the date of the death of Susan Pee, nee Vann, Cherokee Freedmen Roll No. 4032, Card No. 1480, and Jack and Minnie Baldridge, Cherokee Freedmen Roll No's. 2010 and 2011 respectively, Card No. 82, I made such investigation and herewith submit the testimony taken by me in said matter.

I also enclose, for your consideration, communication received by me, dated March 28, 1910, signed Jesse Rowe, wherein Mr. Rowe requests that I withhold his testimony for a little time in order that he may see certain persons relative to the coffin used for Minnie Baldridge.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM(CM)  
Enc. 2-1

*W. H. Miller*

Muskogee, Oklahoma, April 6, 1922.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to bring to the attention of the Department the case of Minnie Baldridge who is enrolled as a freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation opposite number 2011 on the final roll of such citizens.

On March 19, 1908, there was filed at this office affidavit executed by Jesse Rowe and Ed Lynch that Minnie Baldridge died on or about November 1, 1902, and, on the same day, Jesse Rowe, administrator of the estate of Minnie Baldridge, deceased, selected an allotment of land in the Cherokee Nation for said decedent, said allotment being described as the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 18, township 20 north, range 15 east, and the west 20.70 acres of lot 7, and the south east ten acres of lot 7 of section 6, township 20 north, range 15 east.

Certificates covering this allotment have been delivered but no deeds have been issued.

When preparations were made to investigate the cases of these citizens of the Cherokee Nation for whom no allotments had been selected and relatives to whom the office had no information subsequent to the time of their enrollment, there were included in the list prepared for such investigation several cases where the affidavits on file showed the citizen to have died shortly after September 1, 1902. One of which cases was that of Minnie Baldrige, and this investigation was extended to cover the case of her father, Jack Baldrige, who, the records showed, died on March 1, 1903.

On November 8, 1903, a representative of this office took the testimony of certain members of the family of Jack Baldrige, from which testimony it appeared that both Jack and Minnie Baldrige died prior to September 1, 1902, and, accordingly A. J. Jordan, administrator of the estate of Jack Baldrige, and Jesse Rowe, administrator of the estate of Minnie Baldrige, were notified that they might within a stipulated time appear at the office to show cause why notations should not be placed on the final roll of Cherokee Freedmen that these persons died prior to September 1, 1902, and were not entitled to land or money.

No response was received from Jesse Rowe, but A. J. Jordan filed with the office his affidavit that Jack Baldrige died on March 1, 1903, and that affiant was the attending physician. Thereupon a representative of the office was instructed to make a further investigation on this matter which was done in a very thorough manner.

The record in the case as it now stands shows conclusively that Jack Baldrige died on March 1, 1903, consequently, no further proceedings relative to his case are necessary.

With respect to the case of Minnie Baldrige, the testimony of a number of the members of her family was taken which is very conflicting and may be disregarded, except as it shows the sequence of the dates of death of Jack and Minnie Baldrige and Susan Vann, another member of the family who died about a week prior to the death of Jack Baldrige, and the age of a child of Minnie Baldrige at the date of her death, and the names of the physicians who attended these persons during their last illness. This part of the testimony of the family when taken together with the affidavits of the attending physicians and the record of the undertaker who buried Jack



Baldridge and Susan Vann shows conclusively that Minnie Baldridge died prior to September 1, 1902, and probably in June, 1901.

Regarding the allotment made to Minnie Baldridge, it appears from the records that she was survived by one child, James Logan Martin, born shortly before her death, who is her only heir, and, that on July 21, 1900, James Martin, guardian of said child, executed a deed conveying the land allotted to Minnie Baldridge to William S. Canfield, said deeds having been made upon the order of and approved by A. C. Brewster, County Judge of Mayes County, and that on September 16, 1900, the said William S. Canfield conveyed said land by warranty deed to John L. Bacon, and that on the same date John L. Bacon executed a mortgage on this land in favor of Charles M. Lawson to secure an indebtedness of \$300.00. At the time this sale was made the records, both of this office and of the Court out of which the letters of administration issued showed the date of death of Minnie Baldridge to have been subsequent to September 1, 1902; so that the purchaser, even with the exercise of due diligence on his part would scarcely have been able to have secured knowledge of the true date of this occurrence, and the investigation has revealed nothing whatever to indicate any conspiracy

between the vendor of the land and the other parties in interest  
to reveal the true date of death of the allottee.

I have therefore, the honor to recommend that there  
be placed upon all copies of the approved roll of freedmen  
citizens of the Cherokee Nation opposite number 2011 the follow-  
ing notation:

"Died prior to September 1, 1902, not  
entitled to land or money."

and I request that I be advised what if any action shall be taken  
relative to the allotment of land heretofore made to the said  
Minnie Baldrige.

A copy of the record bearing upon this matter is  
enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

"Through the  
Commissioner of  
Indian Affairs."

Acting Commissioner.

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Land-  
Population  
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Enrollment and Allot-  
ment case of Minnie  
Baldrige.

SEP -8 1910.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of April 5, 1910, from the Acting Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes relative to the date of the death of Minnie Baldrige, whose name appears opposite No. 3011 on the final approved roll of Cherokee freedmen. From said report it appears that on March 19, 1903, there was filed in the office of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes an affidavit made by Jesse Rowe and M. Lynch that Minnie Baldrige died on or about November 1, 1902, and on the same day Jesse Rowe, as administrator of the estate of Minnie Baldrige, deceased, applied for an allotment of certain described land in the Cherokee Nation for said decedent.

The Acting Commissioner reports that certificates covering this allotment have been delivered, but that no deed has been issued. The Acting Commissioner further reports that it was afterwards ascertained that Minnie Baldrige died prior to September 1, 1902, and consequently under the provisions of

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Section 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. 1., 716), was not entitled to allotment or to share in the common property of the Cherokee Nation. It is shown by the enclosed record that Minnie Baldridge died prior to September 1, 1902. It appears that the administrator of the estate has been notified of the purpose to place opposite the name of Minnie Baldridge on the above mentioned Cherokee freedmen roll the notation:

"Died prior to September 1, 1902;  
not entitled to land or money,"

and was afforded an opportunity to show cause why such action should not be taken. The Office therefore recommends that the notation above quoted be placed opposite the name of Minnie Baldridge on said roll, and that this Office and the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes be authorized to make a similar notation on the copies of the roll in their possession.

It further appears from the report of the Acting Commissioner that James Martin, guardian of James Logan Martin, the child and sole heir of Minnie Baldridge, executed a deed conveying the land covered by the allotment certificate to William B. Caulfield and that further conveyances have also been made of said land.

In the case of Nicholas Alberson the Department on June 16, 1909, held in effect that the issuance of a certificate of allotment was not equivalent to a patent, and that no conveyance of title was effected by such issuance. The effect

of the issuance of an allotment certificate was Alberson

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case is involved in a suit instituted in the Supreme Court at the District of Columbia by the Duncan Townsite Company to compel the Secretary of the Interior to issue for the benefit or protection of alleged innocent purchasers a patent in the name of Nicholas Alberson covering the lands for which the certificate was issued. The suit is still pending in said Court. The present case is analogous thereto. The Office is therefore of the opinion that until the suit of the Duncan Townsite Company against the Secretary of the Interior has been finally determined by the courts, and the effect of the issuance of a certificate of allotment ascertained thereby, no action should be taken by the Department towards cancelling the allotment of Minnie Baldrige, or towards instituting suit for that purpose.

The report of the Acting Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes of April 5, 1910, has also reference to the question as to the date of the death of Jack Baldrige, whose name appears opposite No. 2010 on the final approved roll of Cherokee Freedmen. He reports that the record in the case as it now stands shows conclusively that Jack Baldrige died on March 1, 1903, and consequently that no further proceedings relative to his case are necessary. With this conclusion the Office agrees.

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Very respectfully,

Approved:  
(Signed) Frank Pierce  
Acting Secretary.

(Signed) C.F. Hauke,  
Second Assistant Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Office of Indian Affairs.

Enrollment and al-  
lotment case of  
Minnie Baldrige.

Washington.

SEP 20 1910

The Commissioner

To the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Referring to the report of April 5, 1910, from the Acting Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes relative to the death of Minnie Baldrige, whose name appears opposite No. 2011 on the final approved roll of Cherokee freedmen, you are advised that the Department, on September 14, 1910, authorized placing opposite the name of Minnie Baldrige the notation:

Died prior to September 1, 1902:  
not entitled to any land or money.

In the analogous case of Nicholas Alberson, the Department held that the issuance of a certificate of allotment was not equivalent to a patent, and that no conveyance of title was effected by such issuance. The question, however, is involved in a suit instituted in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by the Duncan Townsite Company to compel the Secretary of the Interior to issue for the benefit or protection of alleged innocent purchasers a patent in the name of Nicholas

Albergen covering the lands for which the certificate was issued.  
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A copy of approved Office letter of September 8, 1910,  
is enclosed for your information and guidance.

Very respectfully,

(Signed )      Wm. R. Layne.

Acting Chief Land Division.

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Indian Office,  
Layne,  
Washington, D.C.,  
Sept. 20, 1910.

Advices as to action can be taken  
by Department toward cancelling  
allotment of Minnie Redridge,  
Tennessee, until suit between Townsite  
Co. vs. Secretary of Interior  
has been finally determined by  
Court.

See analogous case of  
Nicholas Albertson.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
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Mr. John Baldrige,

~~Vinita, Okla.~~



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Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

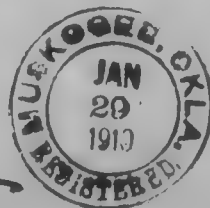
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Mr. Dick Paldrige,

Vinita, Okla:



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 14th 1901.

In the matter of the application of John Lynch for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. John Lynch.  
Q How old are you? A. 39.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Vinita, Ok.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Cherokee.  
Q Do you apply as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.  
Q Are you a recognized Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A. Al. Lynch.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Harriett Harrison, as well as I know.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 281, No. 1571, John Lynch, Delaware district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 92, No. 3316, John Lynch, Delaware district.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living there now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A. No sir.

By Com'r Needles, - John Lynch applies for the enrollment of himself; he is duly identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerns Clifton pay roll and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 17th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

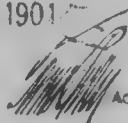
*Chas. von Weise*  
*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.



*VB. J. 826*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

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Age

Citizenship

1. Name

Owner's name

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Parents:

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

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Application made by

Stenographer

On 1880 roll as John Lynch  
 On 1880 roll Page 97 No. 1571 Delaware Dist

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
July 7, 1906.

Cherokee -----FD-704.

In the matter of the application of Carrie Lynch, whose name appears upon Cherokee card No. FD-704 as Carrie Gibson, to select her allotment and designate her homestead in the Cherokee Nation.

Carrie Lynch, being duly sworn by J.E. Tidwell, notary public, was examined on behalf of the Commissioner and testified as follows:

Q What's is your name, age and post office address?  
A Carrie Lynch; 22; Chelsea, Indian Territory.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you ever enrolled as Carrie Gibson?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q When were you married?  
A You mean the first time?  
Q No, the second time?  
A Been married little over a year this last time.  
Q What was the date of your marriage?  
A I don't know just exactly the correct date. I never noticed the date when I got married.  
Q Who did you marry at that time?  
A John Lynch.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q You don't know the exact date you were married?  
A I don't know.  
Q Have you land which you desire to file on?  
A I have.  
Q Is it public domain or improved land?  
A Well, the principal part is improved land?  
Q Do you desire to bring contest for this land?  
A I do.

(Witness instructed to forward to the office her marriage license.)

I, George A. Lowell, being duly sworn, state that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, I recorded the testimony in the above entitled proceeding and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
day of July, 1906.

*George A. Lowell*  
Notary Public.



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Walla, T. C. May 14th 1901.

In the matter of the application of James Campbell for the enrollment of himself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen, and for the enrollment of his wife as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage; he being sworn by Commissioner E. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. James Campbell.  
Q How old are you? A. 38.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Willett.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Cooweescoowas.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you desire to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Two children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A. Viva.  
Q How old? A. Five years old.  
Q Next? A. Gracie.  
Q How old? A. Four years.  
Q Are you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A. Mamie.  
Q Is she a citizen? A. No sir.  
Q Have you a certificate of marriage? A. Yes sir.

The applicant makes satisfactory proof of his marriage to one Mary Morris, a citizen of the United States on the 26th of December, 1894

- Q Your wife's name is Mary and not Mamie? A. Yes sir but I call her Mamie.  
Q Have you been living with her ever since your marriage? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living with her now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is she the mother of these two children? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you ever drawn any money from any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A. Charles Campbell.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Mary.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.  
Q You had better apply for your wife hadn't you? A. Yes sir I can.  
Q How old is she? A. 27.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 89, No. 729, James Campbell, Cooweescoowas district.

The 1890 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and he applicant and one of his children identified thereon as follows:  
Page 490, No. 120, James Campbell, Cooweescoowas district.  
Page 400, No. 121, Viva Campbell, Cooweescoowas district.

The 1880 and 1890 and K. C. rolls of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife not found thereon.

- Q Are both of these children alive and living with you now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles, -

James Campbell applies for the enrollment of himself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen and for his wife Mary as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage. He is duly identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1890, the name of his child Viva is identified on the census

James Campbell 2.

roll of 1860, the name of his youngest child, Grace, is not found on said roll, having been born since same was compiled, but he makes satisfactory proof as to her birth, and he presents satisfactory proof as to his marriage to his wife Mary, a now-citizen in the year 1864. They are not only identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said James Campbell and his two children, FIVE and GRACE, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, and the name of his wife Mary, as a Cherokee Freedman by inter-marriage in a doubtful case awaiting further investigation by the Commission.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*

*Commissioner*

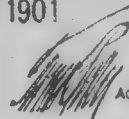
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

Post Office

District

1. Name

Owner's name

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Mother

Age

Citizenship

Citizenship

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Owner's name

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Mother

Citizenship

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

Applicant presents highly illuminated certificate of marriage. Same is not in condition to be filed. No 1 on 1896 will Page 400 No 120, Co. No 2 on 1896 will as Lira Campbell.

No 3 Birth certificate required.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Grace Campbell

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved.

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Grace Campbell, born on the 30 day of July, 1897.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: James Campbell, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Campbell, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Post-office, Elliott I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

State of Kansas, District.  
Montgomery County, I.T.

I, Mary Campbell, on oath state that I am 27  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of James Campbell, who is a citizen, by  
birth, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 30th day of July, 1897; that said child has been  
named Grace Campbell, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of May, 1901.

Commission expires Aug. 14 1903.

Thomas Nageloff  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

State of Kansas, District.  
Montgomery County, I.T.

I, Francis Washington, a doctor, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Campbell, wife of James Campbell,  
on the 30th day of July, 1897 that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Grace Campbell.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Francis Washington & Mark  
Arthur Bradley  
Roy T. Osborn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of May, 1901.

Commission expires Aug. 14 1903.

Thomas Nageloff  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 15th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Perry Roe for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Perry Roe.  
Q How old are you? A. 28.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Vann.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Ucoowecocowee  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.  
Q What is your fathers name? A. Alex Roe.  
Q What is your mothers name? A. Rose Roe.  
Q Are they both living? A. Yes sir.  
Q You say your name is on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir it is there as Williams, I think.  
Q How did that happen to put it down as Williams? A. At that time I was living with my grandmother who was named Williams.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 169 No. 2511, Perry Rowe, Ucoowecocowee district. ( Native Cherokee )

By L. B. Bell, Cherokee Representative:

- Q Where were you living in 1898? A. On Grand river.  
Q In Delaware? A. No sir in Saline.

By the Commission:

- ✓ Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.

The census roll of 1896 of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

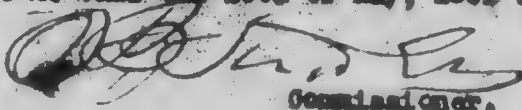
By Com'r Needles,

Perry Roe applies for himself, he is duly identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Perry Rowe, a native Cherokee, which is evidently a mistake as he is a Cherokee Freedman; he makes satisfactory proof as to residence and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weiss, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereon.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*Chas. von Weiss*  
  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 13, 1901

Post Office

Watauga

District

Evs

1. Name

Amy Rowe

Age 28

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

2571

District

Evs

Parents:

Father

Alex Rowe - living

Citizenship

Mother

Free " - living

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Mr. 1

Stenographer

Chas. von Neis

On 1880 roll as a native Cherokee  
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Q Now old are you? A 45.  
 Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
 Q Do you know Frank Daniels A Yes sir.  
 Q Did you know his first wife? A Yes sir.  
 Q Were they married? A I can't tell; never was up there but that they  
 was living together as man and wife.  
 Q About how long did they live together? A I don't know.  
 Q Do you know his child Willie? A Yes sir.  
 Q Was this child born while they were living together as man and wife?  
 A Yes sir.

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He avers that he has one child, Willie as a result of said  
 marriage and presents satisfactory proof as to said marriage  
 between himself and his divorced wife likewise; he is identified  
 on the roll of 1880 and he and his child were both identified on  
 the census roll of 1888, the child there being shown as Willie  
 Ratcliff, his proper name being Willie Daniels; consequently  
 the said Frank Daniels and his child Willie will be listed  
 for enrollment as Cherokee Freedman. The applicant applied  
 for the enrollment of his wife Caroline as an intestate  
 Freedman, and he presents satisfactory proof of marriage to  
 his present wife but no satisfactory proof of divorce from  
 his first wife. The certificate of marriage develops the fact  
 that he was married in 1882, consequently his wife Caroline  
 Daniels will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman  
 by intestate as one a doubtful card to await the further con-  
 sideration of the Commission, and it will be necessary in this  
 connection for him to file proof of his divorce from his  
 first wife likewise in order to strengthen the rights of his present  
 wife Caroline.

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Charles von Wetzel, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Com-  
 mission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the pro-  
 ceedings in the above cases and that the foregoing is full, true  
 and correct transcript of the stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th of May, 1901, 1901,  
 at Vinita, I. T.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winita, I. T. May 18th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Frank Daniels for his enrollment of himself, wife and child as Cherokee Freedmen. He being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows: (Application for his wife as an inter-married Freedman.)

- Q What is your name? A. Frank Daniels.  
Q How old are you? A. 36.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Tulsa.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Cowessaw.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you been recognized as such by the Cherokee authorities? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled? A. Myself wife and boy.  
Q What is your wife's name? A. Caroline.  
Q How old is she? A. 36.  
Q Is she a Freedman? A. No sir by intermarriage.  
Q What is her child's name? A. Willie.  
Q How old is he? A. 18.  
Q You say your present wife is the mother of Willie? A. No sir.  
Q Who is? A. My other wife Elsie.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is her father's name? A. Henry Grayson.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A. Betsey Wright.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.  
Q You are not living with your first wife? A. No sir.  
Q Were you divorced from your first wife before you married your present wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q By what court? A. The Cherokee court.  
Q Was you married according to the Cherokee laws to your present wife Caroline? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you got a license? A. Yes sir.

Applicant presents a duly authenticated marriage certificate recorded by W. H. Brew, Clerk, under seal, certifying that he was married to one Caroline Hayes, a citizen of the United States on the 11th day of December, 1893.

- Q Your present wife is a non citizen? A. Yes sir.  
Q You claim for her by marriage? A. Yes sir.  
Q You say your name is on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir as Ratoliff.  
Q How does it happen to be there as Ratoliff? A. My grandmother raised me after my mother died and she enrolled me under her name.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 365, No. 2165, Frank Ratoliff, Delaware district.

- Q You contend that the Frank Ratoliff on the roll of 1880 is intended for you do you? A. Yes sir.  
Q Was your grandmother named Ratoliff? A. Yes sir.  
Q And she put you on that roll by her name? A. Yes sir.

ARCH LANDRUM, called and sworn as a witness by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows on the part of the applicant:

- Q What is your name? A. Arch Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A. About 70.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as such? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Frank Daniels, the applicant here? A. Yes sir, I hope raise him

Frank Daniels, Jr.

Q Do you know if he was ever called Frank Ratcliff? A. Yes sir.  
Q Why was he called that? A. Because his mother belonged to the Ratcliffs.  
Q Do you know how he happened to take the name of Daniels? A. His daddy was a Daniels.  
Q Now mention Frank Daniels that is present now is the boy who is on the roll of '86 as Frank Ratcliff? A. Yes sir.

By L. B. Bell, Cherokee representative:

Q What kin is this applicant to you? A. I am the mother of the applicant.  
The 1886 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 412 No. 506, Frank Ratcliff, Coowaseeowee district.  
Page 418, No. 507, Willie Ratcliff, Coowaseeowee district.

All the rolls of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Commission and the name of the applicant's wife not found thereon.

By the Commission

Q This boy Willie is named Daniels is he? A. Yes sir that is the way I want him enrolled.

By Com'r Needles,--

Frank Daniels applies for himself and his child Willie as Cherokee Freedmen; he also applies for the enrollment of his wife Caroline as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage. He makes satisfactory proof as to his marriage to his wife Caroline in the year 1882, her name having been Caroline Hayes. He avers that he was formerly married to one Lizzie Grayson from whom he is now divorced but presents no satisfactory proof of divorce.

By the Commission of the applicant:

Q Who is the mother of Willie? A. Lizzie.  
Q Is her name on the roll of 1880? A. I don't know.  
Q Was you married to Lizzie? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you any proof of your marriage to her? A. Yes sir.  
Q You don't know if her name is on the roll of 1880 or not? A. No sir.  
Q Is there any one here that knows that you and Lizzie lived together as man and wife? A. Yes sir.

ARCH LANDRUM re-called and examined by Commissioner:

Q Did you know Frank Daniel's first wife, Lizzie? A. Yes sir.  
Q Were they married? A. I don't know if they was married.  
Q Did they live together as man and wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q Were they generally considered as man and wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you know this child, Willie? A. Yes sir.  
Q Was he born while they were living together as man and wife? A. Yes sir.

By L. B. Bell

Q How long did they live together, Arch? A. I don't know exactly.

APPLICANT recalled and examined by Commissioner:

Q Have you any certificate of marriage to your first wife Lizzie? A. Alex Bee married us.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.

ELISA TUCKER called and sworn as a witness, by Com'r Needles, testified as follows on the part of the applicant:



Frank Daniels 3.

- Q What is your name? A. Eliza Rachel.  
Q How old are you? A. 35.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Frank Daniels? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did you know his first wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q Were they married? A. I can't tell; never was up there but that they was living together as man and wife.  
Q About how long did they live together? A. I don't know.  
Q Do you know his child Willie? A. Yes sir.  
Q Was this child born while they were living together as man and wife?  
A Yes sir.

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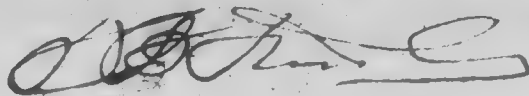
He avers that he has one child, Willie as a result of said marriage and presents satisfactory proof as to said marriage between himself and his divorced wife Lizzie; he is identified on the roll of 1890 and he and his child are both identified on the census roll of 1896, the child there being down as Willie Rateliff, his proper name being Willie Daniels; consequently the said Frank Daniels and his child Willie will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. The applicant applies for the enrollment of his wife Caroline as an intermarried Freedman, and he presents satisfactory proof of marriage to his present wife but no satisfactory proof of divorce from his first wife. The certificate of marriage develops the fact that he was married in 1893, consequently his wife Caroline Daniels will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage and a doubtful card to await the further consideration of the Commission, and it will be necessary, in this connection for him to file proof of his divorce from his first wife Lizzie in order to strengthen the right of his present wife Caroline.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18th of May, 1901, 1901,  
at Vinita, I. T.



Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 13 - 1901

Post Office

Galata St.

District

Co.

1. Name

Frank Daniels

Age

40

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1870

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No.

2763

District

Del

Parents:

Father

Burl Daniels

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

~~Bessie Daniels~~

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2. Willie Daniels

Year

1896

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Application made by

Wm. I.

Stenographer

Chas. von Meier

1 On roll as Frank Patchiff  
 1 " 1896 " Page 418 \* 506, Frank Patchiff - Co.  
 2 " 1896 " as Willie Patchiff.

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COMMISSION OF THE SUPERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
May 15, 1901.

In the Matter of the application of Jesse Rowe for enrollment  
as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner  
C. M. Frankenthal, testifies as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Jesse Rowe.  
Q Who is it you want to have enrolled? A Myself.  
Q How old are you? A 30 I think.  
Q What is your profession? A Nothing.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware District.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes  
sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Lewis Rowe.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He died the 19th day of May,  
1900.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Chaney Rowe.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She died the 18th of March,  
1900.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedman of the  
Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is  
found on page 303, No. 2112, Jesse Rowe, Delaware District.

The 1880 census roll of the Freedman of the Cherokee  
Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw strip money? A Yes sir.

The Kerna Clifton Roll examined and the name of the  
applicant is found on page 4, No. 90, Jess Rowe, Delaware Dist.

The applicant is duly identified on the roll of 1880  
and on the Kerna Clifton Roll as a Cherokee Freedman. He has  
lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be  
listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer  
to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly re-  
corded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic  
notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1901.

*C. M. Frankenthal*  
Commissioner.



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NOT A JUDGE OF MUDRABOW

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MAY 15 1901

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 15-1901  
 Post Office Ketchum, J. L.  
 District Del.

1. Name Jesse Boyd Age 36

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1888 Page 303 No. 2112 District Del.

Parents:

Father Lewis Boyd - d - Citizenship Col.

Mother Chany " - d - Citizenship "

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Mr. R. C. Ball Stenographer Atkinson

Mr. R. C. Ball - p 4 - Mr. 90 - Jesse Boyd Del.



1011 of 1980, the hotel showing that she was born after said  
Witness 1011; and it is not found upon the uncontroverted  
evidence and one child, Anne; she is only identified upon the  
Com. L. Needles; now? 1. Allen exhibits for the entire use of

child, Anne, born after said 1011 was completed.  
per, 1980; she also presents sufficient proof as to one  
Allen mother, the name of Mrs. Robert, on the 12th day of September  
1980, because controlling fact she was married to one John

Com. L. Needles; sufficient presents only witness received. 1011.  
time and day.  
6 Dignity and not Robert or Bob Thomas and Anne V. 2011 -

Examined by the above Robert, A. G. 1980:

6 Has such always lived in the Cherokee Nation V. Yes sir.

Com. L. Needles:

ROBERT ROBERT, witness, re-called and further examined.

John was not it.

6 Have you not and proof of birth of child V. Yes sir.

By Commissioner Needles:

Witness, such as 1011, re-called and further examined;

the time to living.

6 And V. the 1011 was made in 1980, in New, and she was born in  
the Cherokee V. Yes sir.

6 For such the reason why her name is not on the 1980 1011 which  
was was not made in New, V. Anne Robert.

6 Is she born and living V. Yes sir.  
6 For such the evidence of such V. Yes sir.  
6 Is such name on the 1011 V. No sir.  
6 The 1011 is the evidence V. Yes sir.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE  
MAY 16 1901

Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Vinita, I.T., May 14, 1901

In the matter of the application of Lucy Jane Allen for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lucy Jane Allen.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware. I live in Vinita now.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A John.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Has he been enrolled? A No sir.  
Q You and he living together? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he here? A Yes sir.  
Q Why don't you let him come? A Why he aint ready to come.  
Q His citizenship is contested then is it? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Robert Foster.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes sir, he claims to be.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Anika Foster.  
Q Is she living? A No sir, she is dead.  
Q Was she a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you any children? A One.  
Q You want it enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is its name? A Annie Allen.  
Q How old is it? A Three years old.  
Q Is your name upon the authenticated roll of 1880? A I don't know sir, I don't think it is.  
Q Is your mother's name? A Yes sir, mother's name is on the 1880 roll.  
Q Have you always been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money? A None but the Wallace money; father drew it for me.  
Q Why didn't you draw the Strip money? A I don't know.  
Q Where were you born? A On Grand River.  
Q Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Always lived in the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined for applicant and not found.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined for applicant's mother, and found on page 258 #1065 Anika Foster, Delaware Dist, adopted colored;

- Q You never had a sister named Meldora? A Yes sir, I got one dead Meldora Foster.

- Q Was she older than you? A Yes sir.

1880 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant not found.

- Q Your name is not on any roll? A No sir.  
Q Is it on the Wallace roll? A Yes sir.

Wallace roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified the roll as follows  
page 113 #2400 Lucy Jane Foster, Delaware District.

ROBERT FOSTER, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Robert Foster.  
Q Is this your child? A Yes sir, this is my daughter.



Lucy Jane Allen et al. v. et al.

- Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A No sir.  
Q You know the applicant Lucy J. Allen? A Yes sir, I know her.  
Q Is she your daughter? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Anika Foster.  
Q You know the reason why her name is not on the 1880 roll with her mother? A Yes sir.  
Q Why? A The roll was made in 1880, in May, and she was born in the June following.

Applicant, LUCY JANE FOSTER, re-called and further examined;  
By Commissioner Needles:

- Q Have you got any proof of birth of this child? A Yes sir, John has got it.

ROBERT FOSTER, witness, re-called and further examined,  
Com'r Needles:

- ✓ Q Has Lucy always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Examined by Cherokee Rep'v's B.H. Ball:

- Q Didn't they call you Robert or Bob Fannin some times? A Some times they did.

Com'r Needles: Applicant presents duly authenticated marriage license certifying that she was married to one John Allen under the name of Lucy Foster, on the 13th day of September, 1898; she also presents satisfactory proof as to one child, Annie, born after said roll was compiled.

Com'r Needles: Lucy J. Allen applies for the enrollment of herself and one child, Annie; she is duly identified upon the Wallace roll; her name is not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, the proof showing that she was born after said roll was compiled; she avers that and satisfactory proof is made that she is the daughter of Anika Foster, and the name of Anika Foster is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; she makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently, said Lucy J. Allen and her child, Annie Allen, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 16, 1901.

*J. B. Anderson*

Commissioner.

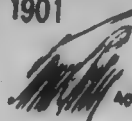
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 15-1901

Vinito St.

Delaware

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife Lucy J. Allen Age 21

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year Wallace Page 113 No. 2400 District Del.

Parents:

Father Robt. Foster - living Citizenship Ches. Freed.Mother Annas - dead Citizenship " "

Names of Children:

2. Annies Allen Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 3.

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Application made by No. 1 Stenographer M. D. Green

On Wallace roll as Lucy Jane Foster  
& Affidavit of birth to be supplied.

F. S. L. B. D.  
Dec 24 1898  
Jas. A. Winston  
Clerk.

N O T I C E

United States of America,  
Indian Territory,  
Northern District.

SS.

No. 745.

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE--GREETING;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. John Allen of Vinita in the Indian Territory, aged 22 years, and Miss Lucy Foster, of Vinita in the Indian Territory, aged 19 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

Witness my hand and official seal at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D., 189<sup>8</sup>.

Jas. A. Winston  
Clerk of the U. S. Court.

By J. C. Anderson, Deputy.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America, )  
Indian Territory, ) SS.  
Northern District. )

I, Jesse Rowe, a Minister of the Gospel, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., A. D., 1898, I did duly and according to law as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 22 day of Sept., A. D. 1898.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Northern District, Book B, Page 191.

Jesse Rowe  
A Minister of the Gospel.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

United States of America,  
Indian Territory,  
Northern District.

25.

I, JAMES A. WINSTON, Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify, that the instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the 22 day of Dec., 1898, at -----M., and duly recorded in Book 8, Marriage Record, Page 30.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court at Tahlequah, in said Territory, this 23 day of Dec. A. D. 1898.

Jas. A. Winston, Clerk.

By -----Deputy.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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MAY 15 1901.

MUSCOGEE, IND. TER.

Sam Bixby,  
Acting Chairman.

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Geo. H. Lessley, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, he ~~has~~ made the above and foregoing copy from the original thereof, and that the same is true and correct copy of same.

*Geo. H. Lessley*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of September, 1906.

*W. R. Rasmus*  
Notary Public.



CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

• Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Annice Allen*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved, MAY 15 1901 190

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Annie Allen born on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Octo, 1887  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: John Allen, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Lucy Jane Allen, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Lucy Jane Allen, on oath state that I am 21  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of John Allen, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
 (male or female.)  
 born to me on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Octo, 1887, that said child has been  
 named Annie Allen, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Lucy Jane Allen.(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE. Witness

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.midwife is now dead.

I, Robert Foster, a witness, on oath state that I was  
 present when the child was born to Mrs. Lucy J. Allen wife of  
John Allen on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Octo, 1887; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female.)  
 named Annie Allen.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Robert Foster(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Robert Allen

as a citizen of

Nation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Robert Allen, born on the 18 day of January, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: John Allen a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucy Allen a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Vinita

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

Lucy Allen, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Allen, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 13 day of January, 1902 that said child has been  
named Robert Allen, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Sarah Rider  
Arnetta Dudley

Lucy Allen  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of May, 1902

Louis J. Brown

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District,

I, Jennie Buford, a midwife on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lucy Allen, wife of John Allen  
on the 13 day of January, 1902; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Robert Allen.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Jennie Buford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of May, 1902

Louis J. Brown

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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John Allen,

Viatis, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

When application was made for the enrollment of your wife as a  
Cherokee freedman the Commission was advised that her name was Lucy  
S. Allen.

The Commission is now in receipt of an affidavit as to the birth  
of your child, Robert Allen, in which the name of your wife appears  
as Lucy Allen.

If her correct name is Lucy S. Allen it must be correct through-  
out the affidavit, which is returned herewith.

Yours truly,

Asst. Chairman.

Encl. 10-10-10.



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Excerpted and sworn

before this day 18<sup>th</sup> 1907.

Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Robert Joseph for  
George S

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 25, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Robert Foster for the enrollment of his son, GEORGE FOSTER, as a Cherokee Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Robert Foster.  
Q What is your age? A 51.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware. I just wanted to enroll my boy.  
Q Who do you apply to have enrolled? A George Foster.  
Q How old is George Foster? A 16 years old.  
Q Is George Foster your son? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A No sir.  
Q What is the name of George Foster's mother? A Anika Foster.  
Q Does she appear upon the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q Where was George Foster born? A Delaware District, Cherokee Nation.  
Q Has he always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Is his name on the roll of 1880? A No sir, it aint.  
Q Is his name on the Kerns-Clifton roll? A No sir, I don't think it is there either.  
Q His name doesnot appear upon any roll of the Cherokee nation?  
A No sir, it aint on any the Wallace roll either.  
Q Why didn't you draw what is known as the Cherokee Strip money for him? A He just didn't appear upon the pay roll.  
Q They wouldn't pay you? A No sir.  
Q Refused to pay you? A Yes sir.  
Q What proof have you got of the birth of George Foster? A Only proof I have got is her brother and her sister, Jennie Hardiman; you will find her on the roll with her mother; that's his sister.  
Q George Foster's mother is not living? A No sir.  
Q Anybody living that was present when George was born? A Nobody but Jennie Hardiman.  
Q Is she here? A She is in Vinita.

Examined by Cherokee Representative, L.B. Bell:

- Q Where you say this child George was born? A Delaware District.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and Anika Foster identified as follows:  
page 268 #1065 Anika Foster, Delaware Dist, adopted colored:

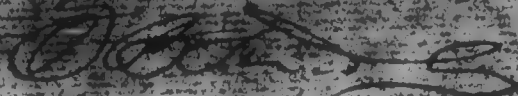
Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined for George Foster, and name not found.

Com'r Needles: Robert Foster applies for the enrollment of his son, George; 16 years of age; he avers that George Foster is his son by his wife, Anika Foster, and the name of Anika Foster is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; the name of George Foster is not found upon any of the rolls in the possession of this Commission; satisfactory proof is made as to the residence of George Foster, but no satisfactory proof is made as to the birth of said child, of his being the child of said Anika Foster; consequently, George Foster will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; ~~and~~ in order to complete his enrollment; it will be necessary to have presented to this Commission satisfactory proof of the birth of said child, George Foster.



Robert Foster for the purpose of  
M. D. Brown, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer for the  
Commission in the first classed crimes he correctly recorded the  
testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of the stenographic notes he read.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 2, 1901.



Commissioner.

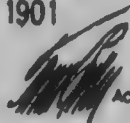


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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 15, 1901

Vinton St.

Delaware

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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George Foster

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Application made by

Robt. Foster (father)

Stenographer

M. P. Green

Off. of birth required.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

George Fortu

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

MAY 15 1901

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*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of George Foster, born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1885  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Robert Foster, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Anica Foster deceased, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita, D.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF Father

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

Mother is now dead.

I, Robert Foster, on oath state that I am 50  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I was the lawful Husband of Anica Foster deceased, who was a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1885 that said child has been  
named George Foster, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses) }

Robert Foster

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Jennie Buford, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Anica Foster, wife of Robert Foster  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1885 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named George Foster.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Silas Rodrick  
John Downing

Jennie X Buford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

my com - Exp - April 15 - 1903.







Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Vinita, I. T., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Jane Beck for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman, having sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mary Jane Beck.  
Q What is your age? A 55.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Longton.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Oh yes.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll with you? A Well I have three children; you don't remember me? I was before you at Muskogee and my children is enrolled with the Cherokees on the Cherokee roll; I made application there to enroll them and you told me to meet you here and you would investigate the matter; make proof to my marriage was what was necessary to be done.  
Q Have you got any proof of your marriage? A Yes sir. The man who married me is here.  
Q What is your father's name? A Andy Frye.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Your mother's name? A Millie Frye.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.  
Q Your husband not living? A No sir.  
Q What was his name? A John H. Beck.  
Q Was he a Cherokee citizen? A Yes sir, Cherokee by blood.  
Q Your name on the 1880 roll? A Yes sir.  
Q On the Freedmen roll or Cherokee roll? A Freedmen.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 258 #1077 Mary Jane Frye, Delaware District, adopted vol'd

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 121 #557 Mary J. Beck, Cooweescoowee District.  
Note on roll: Non-citizen; does not apply.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir,  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: Mary J. Beck applies for the enrollment of herself; she is identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name, Mary J. Frye, she having since married one John H. Beck, now deceased, a Cherokee by blood; she is duly identified upon the rolls according to page and number as indicated and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; reference is made to Cherokee D card 1142, her children being enrolled on said card.

M. B. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 15, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 15, 1901

Post Office

Kempston St

District

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1. Name ..... Age .....  
 Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
 Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....  
 Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

2. Name of wife *Mary J. Beck* Age *38*  
 Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
 Year *1870* Page *259* No. *1077* District *Delaware*

Parents:

Father *Andy Frye - Aring* Citizenship .....

Mother *Willie - Aring* Citizenship .....

Names of Children:

|     | Year              | Page | No. | Dist. |
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Application made by

*No 1*

Stenographer

*M. D. Green*

*Curroll as Mary Jane Frye*  
*14/1906 Page 124 667 - Cros*

*Ref. Cherokee Card D 1142*







Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Oklahoma, I. T. May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Susan B. Lane for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Susan B. Lane.  
Q How old are you Susan? A 35.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Elliott, Indian Territory.  
Q What District do you live in? A Coconawcowa.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll with you? A One child.  
Q What is your child's name? A Clarence Webber.  
Q How old is he? A 10.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Does your name appear upon the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A George Lane.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Adopted citizen only.  
Q What was your father's name? A Andy Frye.  
Q Your mother's name? A Millie Frye.  
Q They both living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you a sister of Mrs. Beck? A Yes sir, full sister.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 252 #1079 Susan Frye, Delaware District, native colored;

- Q How long have you been married to Mr. Lane? A We have been married 10 years.  
Q Were you ever married before? A Yes sir. My child's father is dead, the first one.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 425 #760 Clarence Webber, Coconawcowa District;  
page 409 #274 Susan B. Lane, Coconawcowa District.

- Q Is Clarence living? A Yes sir.  
Q You have always lived in the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir, I was born here.

Com'r Needles: Susan B. Lane applies for the enrollment of herself and son, Clarence Webber; she avers that she is a child of Andy and Millie Frye; her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 under her maiden name, Susan B. Frye, and on the census roll of 1896 by her present name, Susan B. Lane; she avers that she was once married to one Webber by whom she has a child 10 years old, and the name of Clarence Webber is found upon the census roll of 1896; they are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently, Susan B. Lane and her son, Clarence Webber, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

H. B. Green, being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 15, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 15, 1901

Post Office

Chattanooga

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1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Susan B. Lane

Age

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Owner's name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Andy Frye - living

Citizenship

Mother

Mills - living

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2 - Clarence

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Morris for the enrollment of herself, husband and seven children as Cherokee and Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, the testimony is as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sarah Morris.  
Q How old are you? A I always have to guess at my age.  
Q Well about how old? A I guess, I don't know just how old I am. About 30 or 40.  
Q (By the examiner says about 30.)  
Q About 30, that right? A I guess so.  
Q What is your post office address? A Elliott.  
Q What district do you live in? A Coowescoowee.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll had for yourself? A My children.  
Q How many? A About 7.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A They said my father's name was Tom Parks.  
Q What is your mother's name? A She was named Eliza, she was owned by the Hilderbrands.  
Q Are you married now? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Dave Morris.  
Q Is he a citizen? A He is a United States citizen.  
Q What was your name before you were married to Dave Morris?  
A Sarah Ratliff.  
Q Had you been married to a man named Ratliff? A No sir.  
Q How did your name happen to be Ratliff? A That was the folks that raised me.  
Q Did they enroll you Ratliff? A Yes sir.  
Q Now give me the names of your children? A (Hands Com'r list.)

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified the person as follows:  
page 305 #2166 Sarah Ratliff, Delaware Dist, native colored;

- Q What is the name of your oldest child? A Oota Elmer.  
Q How old is Oota? A 12 years old.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A David Crockett.  
Q How old is he? A 10 years old.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Hoolie Bell.  
Q How old is he? A It is a girl.  
Q How old is she? A 8 years old.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Crowder.  
Q How old is Crowder? A Going on 4 years old.  
Q Next one Louisa? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is she? A 3 years old.  
Q What is the next one? A Wy Jay.  
Q How old is Wy Jay? A 2 years old.  
Q Then you have got one named April? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is April? A Month old.  
Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified the person as follows:  
page 411 #633 Sarah Morris, Coowescoowee District;  
page 411 #354 Oota Morris, Coowescoowee District;  
page 411 #336 David C. Morris, Coowescoowee District;  
page 411 #336 Hoolie Bell Morris, Coowescoowee District;  
page 411 #337 Crowder Morris, Coowescoowee District.

Sarah Morris et al

- Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes sir.
- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation yourself? A Yes sir only I went to Coffeyville to school my children.
- Q You are living here now? A Yes sir.
- Q Your present husband is named Morris? A Yes sir.
- Q Is he a citizen? A No he is an adopted citizen.
- Q Has he been enrolled himself? A No sir.
- Q You don't apply for him then? A Yes sir.
- Q You apply for the enrollment of your husband? A Yes sir.
- Q What is he a state man? A Yes sir.
- Q When did you marry him? A About '85.
- Q Where did he live when you married him? A Geowesscoowee Dist.
- Q Have you any marriage certificate? A Yes sir. (Produces papers)
- Com'r: The applicant presents duly authenticated marriage license and certificate certifying that she was married to one David Morris on the 20th day of September, 1889, said license being duly recorded as required by law.
- Q Have you and your husband lived together continuously since you were married? A Yes sir.
- Q Is Dave Morris your first husband? A Why no sir.
- Q Are you his first wife? A No sir.
- Q Now you say you are not the first wife of Dave Morris? A No sir.
- Q What was his first wife's name? A Susan Morris.
- Q Is she living? A No sir, she is dead.
- Q Was she dead when Dave Morris married you? A Yes sir.
- Q You say Dave Morris is not your first husband? A Yes sir, I say he is not.
- Q Were you ever married before? A No sir.
- Q Did you live with a man as your husband? A (No answer).
- Q Were you ever divorced from your first husband? A We wasn't married.
- Q You never were married legally then taxman until you married Dave Morris? A No sir.
- Q Was it understood throughout the neighborhood where you lived that you were married to this first man? A Not as I know of.
- Q How long did you live with him? A I don't know.
- Q What was his name? A Sam Landrum.
- Q Was he father of any of these children? A No sir, none but this girl that's married.
- Q You never was divorced from Sam Landrum? A No sir.
- Q About how long did you live with Sam Landrum? A I couldn't tell you.
- Q A year or two, three, four, five? A I couldn't tell you just how long.

Examined by Cherokee Representative, L.B. Bell:

- Q Did you live with him at all as his wife? A (No reply)

By Com'r Needle:

- Q How long I would like to know about the length of time that you lived with him? A Well we didn't live together as man and wife.
- Q Your oldest child is not the child of Dave Morris? A No sir.
- Q It's what we call an illegitimate child? A I suppose so.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and Applicant's husband not identified thereon.

Examined by Cherokee Rep'v L.B. Bell:

- Q Dave Morris and you have been living together continuously ever since you were married? A Yes sir.
- Q You are living together now? A Yes sir.

Sarah Morris et al.

Com'r Needles: Sarah Morris applies for the enrollment of herself and seven children, to wit: Oota B., David C., Hoolie B., Crowder, Louise, Wy Jay and April; she avers that her maiden name was Ratliff, or that she was enrolled in the year 1880 as Sarah Ratliff, she having been raised by the Ratliff family; she is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1896, and upon the census roll of 1896, as Sarah Morris, her present name; she avers that she was married to one Dave Morris; the names of her children, Oota B., David C., Hoolie B. and Crowder, are identified upon the census roll of 1896; it will be necessary for her to file satisfactory proof of birth as to her three younger children, Louise, Wy Jay and April, whose names do not appear upon said roll of 1896; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to real name; consequently, Sarah Morris and her children enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen;

She applies for the enrollment of her husband, Dave Morris, whom she avers she married in 1889, and she presents duly authenticated marriage license and certificate of marriage, ~~which~~ issued by the Cherokee Nation, certifying to her marriage with said Dave Morris according to the laws of the Cherokee Nation, consequently said Dave Morris will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage, upon a doubtful card, awaiting the further consideration of the Commission, she having made satisfactory proof as to his residence.

M. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M. D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 16, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

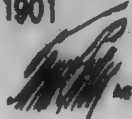
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 15<sup>th</sup> 1901  
 Post Office Clinton St.  
 District Crownsville

1. Name ..... Age .....  
 Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
 Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....  
 Mother ..... Citizenship .....

Name of wife Sarah Morris Age 36

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year 1896 Page 305 No. 266 District Delaware

Parents:

Father Thomas Parks Citizenship .....  
 Mother Eliza Heldstrand Citizenship .....

Names of Children:

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Application made by

M. I.

Stenographer

M. D. Green

1 On 1896 rolls as Sarah Ratchiff

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2 " 1896 " as Octa Morris

4 " 1896 " as Wiley Bell Morris

6, 7, and 8, affidavits of birth required

X Ref.

Aug. 1, 1893

I hereby certify  
that I solemnized  
the rites of matrimony  
of the within parties  
this 20th day of  
Sept 1893  
Newbury  
Mass. C. C. N.

Recorded  
as provided  
by law this  
Sept 21 1893  
Newbury  
Mass. C. C. N.

Recorded pages 298, 299, 300 Book "E"  
Newbury Mass. Aug 7th 1897.  
Wm. M. Spalding

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LANDS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Ex. F. 835

I hereby certify  
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this 20th day of  
Sept 1897  
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Sept. 21st 1897.  
Wm. Carey  
cl. Co. Dist. Cn.

Recorded pages 239 & 240 Book "E"  
Marriage Record. Aug 7th 1897.  
J. M. Laffay  
Co. Dist. C. N.

Cherokee Nation. J. 23 To all to whom  
it may concern: Be it known:

That I Wm. Carey Clerk  
Dist. aforesaid have this day by virtue  
of the authority in me vested by law issued  
a License of Marriage to David Morris  
a citizen of the United States to marry  
Sarah Parks a citizen of the Cherokee  
Nation; He the said David Morris having  
complied with the law regulating Intermarriage  
between citizens of the Cherokee Nation and  
citizens of the United States.

Now therefore to any regularly ordained  
minister of the Gospel of any Evangelical  
Denomination, or any of the judges and  
clerks of the Cherokee Nation - Greeting -  
You are hereby authorized to solemnize  
the rites of matrimony between the  
said parties, and return this license  
to this office for Record within  
30 days from said Marriage as  
provided by law -

Given from under my hand  
and official seal on this the 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of Sept. AD 1889

Wm Carey Clerk  
COUNCIL CHIEF  
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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Louisa Morris

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

June 8 1901

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED  
JUN 22 1901

ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Louisa Morris, born on the 28th day of November, 1896  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: David Morris, a citizen of the U S Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Morris, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Elliott 27

State of Kansas  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Montgomery County District } ss.  
I, Sarah Morris

, on oath state that I am 36  
years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of David Morris, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 28th day of November, 1896, that said child has been  
named Louisa Morris, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mary Morris  
Lottie Smith

Sarah Morris  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1901.

Samuel McMurtry  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Jan. 6 1902.

State of Kansas  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Montgomery County District } ss.  
I, Laura Smith

, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah Morris, wife of David Morris,  
on the 28th day of November, 1896, that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Louisa Morris.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mary Morris  
Lottie Smith

Laura Smith  
mark

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*J.* CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 835

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*W. J. Jay Morris*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved, *June 3*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of W. J. Jay Morris, born on the 24th day of August, 1898  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: David Morris, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Morris, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Elliott ET

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

State of Kansas  
~~UNITED STATES OF AMERICA~~  
Montgomery County District. } ss.  
I, Sarah Morris, on oath state that I am 36  
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that I am the lawful wife of David Morris, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
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## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

State of Kansas  
~~UNITED STATES OF AMERICA~~  
Montgomery County District. } ss.  
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WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mary Morris  
Lottie Smith

Laura Smith  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of

May, 1901.  
Samuel McMurtry  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My commission expires Jan. 6 1902.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

April Morris

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved

1901

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of April Morris, born on the 17th day of April, 1901.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: David Morris, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Morris, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Ellitt L. I.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

State of Kansas  
~~UNITED STATES OF AMERICA~~  
Montgomery County, District. } ss.

I, Sarah Morris, on oath state that I am 36  
years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of David Morris, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 17th day of April, 1901; that said child has been  
named April Morris, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Mary Morris  
Lottie Smith

Sarah Morris  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1901.

My commission expires Jan. 6 1902

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

State of Kansas  
~~UNITED STATES OF AMERICA~~  
Montgomery County, District. } ss.

I, Laura Smith, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah Morris, wife of David Morris,  
on the 17th day of April, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named April Morris.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Mary Morris  
Lottie Smith

Laura Smith  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1901.

My commission expires Jan. 6 1902.

NOTARY PUBLIC.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tulsa, Ok. T., December 19, 1904.

Cherokee P-638

In the matter of the application of Sarah Morris for the  
enrollment of herself and children, Geta E., David G., Hoolie B.,  
Clawder, Louisa, W. Jay and April Morris as stock Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Sterling Anderson, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sterling Anderson.  
Q How old are you? A 23 years old.  
Q What is your photo? A Coffeyville, Kansas.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes'm.  
Q Are you married? A Yes'm.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Geta E. Morris.  
Q Is she a daughter of Sarah Morris? A Yes'm.  
Q When were you married? A October 4, 1903.  
Q Are you and she living together now? A Yes'm.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded  
the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is  
a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of December, 1904.

Samuel Forman  
Notary Public.

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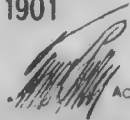
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

# The Elliott Mercantile Co.,

G. W. LANE, Manager.

Elliott, Ind. Ter.

Jan 13 1904

Commission to the Father of the child  
Miss Cogswell

Dear Sir

in Reply to yours  
of the 5th in reference to  
Friedman 893  
I would say that the child referred to  
in your letter is 4 years old  
in stead of three as shown  
in the application  
Sarah Murius



Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of 1861.

True and complete transcript of the stenographic notes thereof.  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winita, I. T., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Frances Patterson for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Frances Patterson.  
Q How old are you? A I couldn't tell you my age, you will have to guess.  
Q Tell about how old I - I can't tell you my age.  
Q Well are you a hundred? A No sir.  
Q Tell you are more than 20 and you, now you can guess about what your age is, about 30, 35 or 40? A I might be 40; I was here before the war.  
Q What is your post office? A Nowata.  
Q What district do you live in? A Coowasecawee.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A No, it is on the 1896 roll.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A All of my children.  
Q How many have you got under 21 years of age? A I have got two here with me this morning.  
Q What are their names? A Arthur is the oldest one.  
Q How old is Arthur? A I couldn't tell his age.  
Q Have you got some papers there? A Yes sir.  
Q You live at Nowata? A Yes sir, I live there, but my farm is on Cotton Creek.  
Q Why didn't you wait until we come to Nowata? A Some of my children is here, and I had to come here.  
Q Like an old folks, running around breaking our necks about our children? A Yes sir, and they don't care nothing for me. (Hands Commissioner list of names.)  
Q Arthur Patterson, 15 years old; what is the name of the next one? A York Albert, aged 13 years old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir, my husband is dead.  
Q What was his name? A York Patterson.  
Q You married before 1880? A I couldn't tell you; I have got his license here. (Produces papers.)  
Q What was your father's name? A My step-father is named Peter Williams; they said my father was an Indian.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Judie Williams; she married Peter Williams.  
Q Your name on the 1880 roll would be Williams? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant found thereon as follows:  
page 200 # 3225 Francis Williams, Coowasecawee Dist, ad pted colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 414 #397 Francis Patterson, Coowasecawee District;  
page 414 #400 Arthur Patterson, Coowasecawee District;  
page 414 #401 All Patterson, Coowasecawee District.

- Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Was a slave here; I was raised and borned here.

Com'r Needles: Frances Patterson applies for the enrollment of herself and 2 children, Arthur and Albert York A.; she is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name, Frances Williams, that having been her step-father's name; her name is also found upon the census roll of 1896 and the names of her two children, Arthur and York A., are found

Frances Patterson et al.

upon the census roll of 1896, they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, and they will be duly listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M. D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 16, 1901.

*[Signature]*

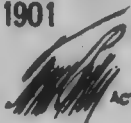
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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 15, 1901

Post Office

Nowata SS.

District

Boo

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife

Frances Patterson

Age 60

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No. 3226

District

Boo

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Judy Williams

Citizenship

Cherokee

Cherokee Freedmen

Names of Children:

|     |                  |           |         |         |           |    |
|-----|------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|----|
| 2   | Arthur Patterson | Year 1896 | Page 44 | No. 400 | Dist. Boo | 19 |
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Application made by

M. I.

Stenographer

M. O. Green

Our roll as

Francis Williams

1 " 1896 "

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Francis Patterson

Boo

2 " 1896 "

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Arthur Patterson

3 " 1896 "

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all

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1. Your witness is James B. Martin, Jr. Yes sir.

2. He is your witness, is he not, the witness before the court?

3. He is your witness, is he not, the witness before the court?

4. Yes, he is your witness, is he not, the witness before the court?

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Tulsa, I. T., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Edward Campbell for the enrollment of himself, wife and child as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Edward Campbell.  
Q What is your age? A I don't know exactly, 58 some odd.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Coffeyville.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Ever receive any money from any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Wife and one child.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Mattie Campbell.  
Q How old is she? A About 40.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A No sir.  
Q What is the name of your child? A Eva Campbell.  
Q How old is she? A 15.  
Q When were you married to Mattie? A I think in '75, if I remember.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 89 #779 Ed Campbell, Cooweescoowee District, colored, on the supplemental list.  
page 89 #780 Martha Campbell, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q Is your wife dead? A No sir, she wasn't day before yesterday.  
Q Your wife's name is Martha is it? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 399 #112 Edward Campbell, Cooweescoowee District;  
page 399 #113 Martha Campbell, Cooweescoowee District;  
page 399 #114 Eva B. Campbell, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q I believe ~~Edward~~ Is this child's name Eva B.? A I believe Eva Bell we call her some times.  
Q Is Eva alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Where was she born? A She was born in Cooweescoowee District.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880, and your wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived outside? A No sir.

Com'r Needles: Edward Campbell applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Martha, and their child, Eva; they are duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; his child Eva is duly identified upon the census roll of 1896; makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently, Edward Campbell, and his wife Martha and their child, Eva B. will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

H. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof. *H. D. Green*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this May 17, 1901.

*Commissioner*

Commissioner.

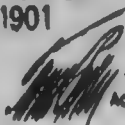
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MAY 15 1901



ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 18, 1901

Post Office

Effingham Kas.

District

Cor.

1. Name

Edward Campbell

Age 33+

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1888

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No.

779

District

Cor.

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Mattha Campbell

Age 40

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1888

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No.

700

District

Cor.

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3.

Eva Campbell

Year

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Application made by

Mr. I

Stenographer

M. J. Green

1 On 1888 roll as Ed Campbell

2 " 1888 " Mattha

1 " 1896 " Page 399 #112 - Cor

2 " 1896 " " 399 #113 - Cor

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wash., D. C., December 2, 1902.

In the matter of the application of EDWARD CAMPBELL, for the enrollment of himself, his wife ANNA CAMPBELL, and his daughter EVA B. CAMPBELL, as Cherokee Freedmen.

EDWARD CAMPBELL, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Edward Campbell.  
Q Where do you live? A I live in Coffeyville District, Cherokee Nation.  
Q What is your post office address? A Coffeyville.  
Q You are a Cherokee Freedman are you? A Yes sir.  
Q How far do you live from Coffeyville, Kansas?  
A About five miles in.  
Q How long have you been living near Coffeyville?  
A I haven't been living there at all myself.  
Q Have you ever lived there? A No sir.  
Q Have you ever kept house there? A My wife has been there.  
Q How long has your wife been there? A About four years.  
Q Are you positive she hasn't been there longer than four years?  
A She might have been.  
Q Did she ever live in Coffeyville before she went there four years ago?  
A No sir.  
Q What time of the year did she go to Coffeyville four years ago?  
A I think it was in November.  
Q Four years ago last month then? A Yes sir.  
Q Has she been living there continuously since November, 1898?  
A Pretty much all the while.  
Q Keeps house there? A Yes sir.  
Q Is this child Eva up there? Have you a child by that name?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Is she there at Coffeyville with your wife?  
A Yes sir, she is at present; she just came from Colorado about three weeks ago.  
Q How long has she been out in Colorado? A About a year.  
Q Had she ever been out of the Territory before that time?  
A No sir, only when she was going to school.  
Q How much of the time have you spent at Coffeyville with your wife?  
A Sometimes I stayed up there two days, and sometimes I aint up there for three weeks.  
Q Did you ever stay up there six months at a time? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever vote there? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever vote in Kansas? A No sir.  
Q You never have? A No sir.

E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. C. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this December 6, 1902.

Notary Public.





Cherokee 2-37

Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, July 18, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Edward Campbell for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Martha, and his daughter, Eva B. Campbell, as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

EVA JONES, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Eva Jones.  
Q Is it Eva B. Jones? A No, it was Eva B. Campbell before I was married.  
Q How old are you? A 18 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Coffeyville, Kansas.  
Q Have you heretofore been listed by the Commission for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your name at the time you were listed for enrollment?  
A Eva B. Campbell.  
Q Your father's name is Edward Campbell? A Yes sir.  
Q Your mother's name Martha? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were listed for enrollment?  
A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A I was married in the year 1901, the 26th day of August.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Lewis Jones.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freedman? A No sir.  
Q Have you a copy of your marriage license and certificate?  
A No sir, just a paper or certificate like from the Justice of the Peace.  
Q Are you and Lewis Jones living together at this time?  
A Well, he is not with me now.  
Q You haven't separated have you? A No sir, he's gone, we are not living together now.  
Q You are not divorced? A No sir.  
Q Your name now then is Jones? A Yes sir.

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EDWARD CAMPBELL, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Edward Campbell.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know, about 50 or 60 I guess.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Coffeyville, Kansas.  
Q Are you an applicant for enrollment by the Commission as a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife's name is Martha? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation continuously since 1880?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You were living here in 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you lived outside of the Nation for any length of time since 1880? A No sir.  
Q Your wife's residence been the same as your own during all that time? A Yes sir.  
Q Your daughter Eva, has she lived with you all her life until

she was married? A Yes sir.  
 Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Yes sir.  
 Q Where is your wife now? A At home.  
 Q Where in your home? A Possum Creek Indian Territory,  
 Coconino County District.  
 Q Did your wife ever live in Coffeyville? A Lived there a while.  
 Q You testified before the Commission on December 2, 1902, didn't  
 you? A Yes I think so, in December. I was before then since  
 I enrolled.  
 Q Didn't you testify at Muskogee one day? A Oh, yes.  
 Q That was in December, 1902? A Yes, I think it was in  
 December.  
 Q You said then that your wife had been living in Coffeyville  
 for the last four years. A Yes, Eva and my wife lived there  
 during sending the children to school.  
 Q Have you any minor children? A No sir, not now.  
 Q What children was it she was sending to school? A Why, Eva,  
 the one that was in here.  
 Q Did she go to a public school or a private school?  
 A Public school.  
 Q Could anyone not a citizen of the State of Kansas go to that  
 school? A Yes sir, several went that was not citizens.  
 Q Did you pay any tuition for sending Eva to school? A Not the  
 last term I didn't.  
 Q She was living in Coffeyville all the time she was going to  
 school? A Yes sir, that is until the last year; she just  
 staid there, boarded, until the last year, until her mother  
 went up there.  
 Q When you speak of this last year, do you mean four years ago  
 when your wife went up there and Eva lived with her, is that  
 correct? A Yes sir.  
 Q After your wife went to Coffeyville, did you ever pay any  
 tuition for sending Eva to school? A No sir.  
 Q Did you before that? A Yes sir.  
 Q Your wife kept house in Coffeyville? A Yes sir.  
 Q Did she keep house all the year? A Yes sir.  
 Q Did you live with her? A When I was there I did. I staid  
 on the farm the four years myself, backwards and forwards.  
 Q Where did you spend the greater portion of your time, in  
 Coffeyville or in the Territory on your farm? A In the  
 Territory on my farm.  
 Q How far was your farm from Coffeyville? A Five miles.  
 Q You would drive out to your farm in the morning and drive back  
 at night? A Not often, sometimes I staid two or three weeks  
 at a time.  
 Q Were you keeping house on your farm or how did you  
 live down there? A I had me a room and a stove, a hired man,  
 cows to milk, garden to live on and chickens.  
 Q Did you do your own housekeeping? A Yes sir.  
 Q And all of that time your wife had a house up in Coffeyville,  
 is that correct? A Yes sir.  
 Q Where was Eva married? A She was married in Colorado.  
 Q When did she go to Colorado? A She went along in '92 or '91,  
 when she said a while ago.  
 Q Had she gone there before she was married? A She had been  
 backwards and forwards on excursions.  
 Q Does she live in Colorado now? A No sir.  
 Q Where does she live now? A Here when she's not with the show,  
 lives with me on the farm; down near here for a month until  
 day before yesterday; plays the piano with a show.  
 Q Has your wife given up the house in Coffeyville yet? A She  
 owns it yet.  
 Q Does she keep house? A No sir.

- Q It belongs to her, does it? A Yes sir.
- Q How long has she owned it? A Well sir, I could not tell unless I would see the title of it.
- Q About how long? A About ten years, on the ground, back about five years I guess since she built the house.
- Q She built the house then just about the time she moved up to Coffeyville to send Eva to school? A She built it a little before she moved.
- Q And she lived in that house until when? A Moved back in January I believe, last day of January.
- Q January 1903? A Yes sir, finally moved; had some things already down here, she never did move much everything away at any time.
- Q Where did Eva live after she moved? A She lived in Colorado until she came back out here.
- Q When did she come back? A Last August I believe, about the last of August, 1903.
- Q Did her husband live in Colorado? A I think his home was in Kansas somewhere near Fort Scott.
- Q When she came back last August, did she part from her husband?
- A No sir, they are not parted yet, he just had a little trouble there in Coffeyville and had to go away.
- Q You owned this farm down in the Territory all the time your wife lived in Coffeyville, did you? A Yes sir.
- Q I believe you stated that you yourself spent most of the time on the farm? A Yes sir.
- Q You went back and forth to see Eva and her mother? A Yes sir.

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Mabel F. Maxwell, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mabel F. Maxwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of July, 1903.

John Ross  
Notary Public.







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Q Give me the name of your father? A I haven't any; I have a  
Q Give you a second and third name of the colored boy? A Yes, sir;  
Q How long have you lived in the colored nation? A All my life  
Q In what district do you live? A Everywhere.  
Q How long have you lived there? A I haven't any; I have a  
Q How long have you lived there? A I haven't any; I have a  
Q Who is it you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Give me your name? A John Jackson.

Q To whom did your mother belong? A George Washington.  
Q Is she still alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was your mother a physician of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q And you took your grandfather's name? A Yes, sir.

Consistent: The applicant is identified on the roll of 1860, and on the Kansas-Ottawa roll as a Cherokee Freedman, he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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 COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
 WASHINGTON, D.C., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Major Landrum for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Major Landrum, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Major Landrum.  
 Q Who is it you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
 Q How old are you? A 37.  
 Q What is your post office? A Hayden.  
 Q In what district do you live? A Goochescookee.  
 Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
 Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Give me the name of your father? A I haven't any; I have a stepfather.  
 Q You had one once? A He is dead, his name was Reed.  
 Q Give me his full name? A I don't know his name only Reed.  
 A Do you know how long it has been? A He died when I was a baby.  
 Q Give me the name of your mother? A Mary Landrum.  
 Q What is the name of your stepfather? A John Landrum.  
 Q Did your mother and stepfather bring you up? A My mother did.  
 Q And you took your stepfather's name? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Was your mother a Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Is she still alive? A Yes, sir.  
 Q To whom did your mother belong? A George Whitwire.  
 The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 131, No. 1683, Goochescookee district.  
 The 1890 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant not identified thereon.  
 Q Did you ever strip money? A Yes, sir.  
 The Kernan-Clifton roll examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 18, No. 462, Goochescookee district.

Commissioner: The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880, and on the Kernan-Clifton roll as a Cherokee Freedman, he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 16th of May, 1901.

*Commissioner*

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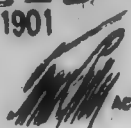
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

May 15 - 1901

Post Office

Snyder S. A.

District

S. C. 1000

1. Name

Major Landrum

Age

37

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1875

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No.

1683

District

S. C. 1000

Parents:

Father

Byrd - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Mary Landrum

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3.

Year

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Application made by

Tr. 1. Major Landrum

Stenographer

B. C. Jones

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Amanda Deckman for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen.

Amanda Deckman, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Amanda Deckman.  
Q Who is it you want to have put on the roll? A Me and my baby.  
Q Just you and one child? A Yes, sir.  
Q You apply as a Cherokee Freedman do you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A 24 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware district.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you on the rolls? A Yes, sir, look for Lou ~~Samuel~~ Downing and you will find me.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A William E. Downing.  
Q Is your father alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Luitilla Downing.  
Q How old is your mother? A I don't know sir how old she was.  
Q Is she alive? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead a year in September.  
Q You have been married? A Yes, sir.  
Q How often have you been married? A Haven't been married but once.  
Q To whom have you been married? A John Deckman.  
Q Is your husband alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did you marry? A I have been married five years, I don't know when we did marry.  
Q You make no application for him? A No, I don't.  
Q He is a state man? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did he get out a Cherokee license when he married you or a United States License? A No, sir, he didn't get any license, he was married to a Shawnee the first time.  
Q I am talking about your marriage now? A We didn't have any.  
Q Just got married? A Yes, sir, we were to get one but the preacher that married us didn't give us any.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A Charles William Deckman.  
Q How old is the child? A 4 years old.  
Q This is the child here? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is there anybody here who knows that you and your husband are living together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir, Joanna.

Nan Washington, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- A Give me your name? A Nan Washington.  
Q How old are you? A About 44.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know this applicant here? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you known her? A I have known her all my life, she is my first cousin.  
Q What is the name of her husband? A John Deckman.  
Q About how long have they been married? A About five years, I can't tell just the date.  
Q Was she ever married except to him? A No, sir.  
Q Have they been living together ever since as husband and wife? A Yes, sir, living together now as man and wife.

Amanda Beckman - 2.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Amanda Beckman identified thereon, page 92, No. 867, Coconino District, as Amanda Downing. The 1890 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Amanda Beckman identified thereon page 329, No. 50, Delaware District.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and one child. She makes no application for her husband, as she states that he is a non citizen and they never married under Cherokee law. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Her change of name arises from her marriage, which is established in a satisfactory manner by her own and other personal testimony. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Her child, Charles V. Beckman, is too young to be upon any roll. When the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of the birth of this child, it also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce O. Jones, being duly sworn, and says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce O. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 16th of May, 1901.

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Commissioner: The applicant wishes for the enrollment of herself and one child. She makes no application for her husband, as she states that he is a non citizen and they never married under Chinese law. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1886 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Her change of name from her marriage, which is established in a satisfactory manner by her own and other personal testimony. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her child, Charles W. Dockman, is too young to be sworn any more. When the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of the birth of this child, it also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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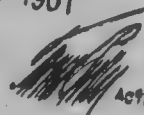
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 15 1901  
Post Office Hitchum  
District D.C.

1. Name ..... Age .....  
Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....  
Mother ..... Citizenship .....

1. Name of wife Amanda Dickman Age 24

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
Year 1888 Page 92 No. 867 District Gov

Parents:

Father William Downing Age ..... Citizenship .....  
Mother Isabella " " " " Citizenship .....

Names of Children:

2. Charles H. Dickman Year ..... Page ..... No. .... Dist. .... 49m

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Application made by

Mr. 1 - Amanda Dickman Photographer Jones  
Mr. 1 on 1896 Page 629 No. 30 Dist. D.C.  
Mr. 1 on 1888 free as Amanda Downing  
Mr. 2 Proof of birth to be supplied



CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 839

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Charles W Deckman

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved

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*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Charles W Deekman, born on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Jan-, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Deekman, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Amanda Deekman, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Ketchum

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Amanda Deekman, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Deekman, who is a citizen, by  
of the U.S. Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Jan-, 1897, that said child has been  
named Charles W Deekman, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Jessie Bird  
Nan. Washington.

Amanda <sup>her</sup> Deekman  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, John Deekman the father, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Amanda Deekman wife of John Deekman  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Jan-, 1897, that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Charles W Deekman

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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1. the undersigned, as stenographer to the Commission to the

Commissioners.

C. R. Beckwith, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of October, 1900.

R. H. Johnson, Jr.

thereof.

foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes recorded the testimony and proceedings on this case, and that the

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directly application for the enrollment of his wife, Amanda, will be

the rolls as the child of William and his wife (infants) as colored,

upon a doubtful case. The name of his wife, Amanda, appears upon

Amanda Downing, will be abandoned and their names will be placed

citizen and his child, Charles W. by his said marriage to

as to the enrollment of said John Deacon as an intermarried

blood and that her mother was colored, consequently that judgment

application were that his present wife, a sister was a Cherokee by

ment by this Commission as Cherokee citizens of Shawnee blood.

wife, Elizabeth King, a Shawnee, will be duly stated for enroll-

the said Isaac and Laura B., children of the applicant by his first

the rolls and having made satisfactory proof of their residence,

he was complied. These parties all being duly identified upon

birth of said child, said child having been born since the roll of

application was a bona fide, and no more satisfactory proof of

as colored citizens. By said marriage he has one child, named

Downing, whose name appears upon the aforementioned rolls of 1890

as no more, and Amanda Downing, the daughter of William and Infants

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., October 1, 1900.

In the matter of the application of John Dickman for enrollment of himself wife and children as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, said Dickman being sworn by Commissioner Haddles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A John Dickman.  
Q Your age? A 39.  
Q Your post office address? A Ketchum.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Adopted.  
Q For whom do you apply for enrollment? A Myself and family.  
Q wife and children? A Yes.  
Q Father and mother are non-citizens? A Yes.  
Q What is the name of your wife before you married her? A Amanda Downing.  
Q What is her age? A 25.  
Q Is she a Cherokee citizen by blood? A Yes.  
Q What degree of blood has she? A 3/4.  
Q When were you married to her? A '96.  
Q Is she living? A Yes. What is her father's name? William.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Tish. Is he living? A Yes.  
Q Is she living? A Yes.

Applicant presents marriage license duly authenticated and marriage certificate certifying that he married one Bickie King in the year '96.

- Q Have you any certificate of marriage to your present wife? A No.  
Q Why haven't you got one? A I went for it and the fellow didn't have any blanks but told me he would send it to me and did not do it.

- Q What are the names of your children by your last wife? A Charles W., 5 years old. (Certificate of birth presented.)

Applicant presents certificate of marriage and marriage license to his first wife, Bickie King.

- Q Was she a Cherokee? A No, sir, Shawnee.  
Q Have you any children by her? A Yes, 3.  
Q What are their names? A Tracy, 12 years old.  
On '96 roll, page 601 number 121.

- Q Next? A Laura B., 11 years old.

On '96 roll, page 601 number 122 as Laura B.

- Q These children are alive and living with you? A Yes.  
Q Is your first wife dead? A Yes.  
Q Were you ever married before? A No, sir.  
Q Never married since except to your present wife? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been living with this last woman since you married her? A Yes.  
Q Your present wife is a Cherokee by blood? A Yes.  
Q What proof of marriage have you got to this last woman? A Nothing but one of my neighbors here.

Elizabeth King, on '80, page 277, number 1478.

Applicant on '96 roll, page 588 number 145, as Dickman.

The name of John Dickman appears upon the census roll of '96. It is averred that he married one Elizabeth King a Shawnee in the year '96, and he makes satisfactory proof of said marriage. His wife, Bickie King, or Elizabeth King, is found upon the authenticated roll of '80, and by said marriage he has two children, Tracy and Laura B., whose names appear upon the census roll of '96. After the death of this wife, Bickie King, or Elizabeth King, he married,

as he avers, one Amanda Downing, the daughter of William and Lintine Downing, whose names appear upon the authenticated rolls of '80 as colored citizens. By said marriage he has one child, named Charles W., 8 years old, and he makes satisfactory proof of birth of said child, said child having been born since the roll of '80 was compiled. These parties all being duly identified upon the rolls and having made satisfactory proof of their residence, the said Tracy and Laura B., children of the applicant by his first wife, Elizabeth King, a Shawnee, will be duly listed for enrollment by this Commission as Cherokee citizens of Shawnee blood. Applicant avers that his present wife's father was a Cherokee by blood and that her mother was colored, consequently final judgment as to the enrollment of said John Deckman as an intermarried citizen and his child, Charles W. by his said marriage to Amanda Downing, will be suspended and their names will be placed upon a doubtful card. The name of his wife, Amanda, appears upon the rolls as the child of William and Lintine (Downing) as colored, and the name of her mother appears upon the roll as colored, consequently application for the enrollment of his wife, Amanda, will be refused for the reason that she should be enrolled as a colored citizen.

The undersigned being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

B. McDonald.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of October, 1900.

G. R. Breckinridge,

Commissioner.

I, the undersigned, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, state upon my oath that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original transcript of the testimony in the matter of the application for enrollment of John Deckman et al. said original transcript having been made by B. McDonald as stenographer.

(Signed) J. O. Resson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of January, 1901.

(Signed) T. B. Needles,

Commissioner.

Arthur G. Croninger, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he made the foregoing copy, and that the same is a true and complete copy of a copy of the original transcript made by J. O. Resson as stenographer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of October, 1901.

Commissioner.



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Statement of Applicant Taken Under Oath.

## CHEROKEES BY BLOOD AND ADOPTION.

Date OCT 1 - 1900 1900.

Name Kilburn J. J.

District \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Citizen by blood \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Intermarried citizen \_\_\_\_\_

Married under what law \_\_\_\_\_ Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

License 23 Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's name Annida Dickman

District \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Citizen by blood yes 2/4 Mother's citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Intermarried citizen \_\_\_\_\_

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I.T., January 20, 1902.

In the matter of the application of John Deckman for the enrollment of himself, wife and children as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

On the 1st day of October, 1900, John Deckman appeared before the Commission and made application for the enrollment of himself as a citizen by intermarriage of the Cherokee Nation, for the enrollment of his present wife, Amanda Deckman, and their child, Charles W. Deckman, and his two children, Tracy and Laura B. Deckman, by his former wife, Dickie or Elizabeth Deckman, nee King, as citizens by

The applicant's former wife, Dickie or Elizabeth Deckman, nee King, is duly identified on the tribal roll of 1880 as a citizen by blood of the Cherokee Nation. The applicant made satisfactory proof of his marriage to her, and his two children, Tracy Deckman and Laura B. Deckman, by his said wife, Dickie or Elizabeth Deckman, nee King, have been listed for enrollment as citizens by blood of the Cherokee Nation. The two children were duly identified on the census roll of 1896, and satisfactory proof was made as to their residence.

It appears from the testimony in this case that the applicant averred that he was married in 1896 to his present wife, Amanda Deckman, nee Downing. This was subsequent to the death of his first wife. He made no proof as to his marriage to his wife, Amanda Deckman, whom he claimed is a citizen by blood. The applicant averred that his present wife's father was a Cherokee by blood and her mother a Cherokee freedman.

The said Amanda Deckman was identified on the tribal rolls as a Cherokee freedman. The applicant's child by his said wife Amanda Deckman was not identified on the tribal rolls, having been born since the last roll was compiled.

Final judgment as to the enrollment of the applicant as a citizen by intermarriage and his son, Charles W., as a citizen by blood of the Cherokee Nation, was suspended, and their names were placed upon Cherokee Roll Card Field No. D.477.

The applicant's wife, Amanda Deckman, having been identified on the tribal rolls of the freedmen, was listed for rejection as a citizen by blood, and her name was placed upon Cherokee Roll Card Field No. 203.

On the 15th day of May, 1901, Amanda Deckman appeared before the Commission and made application for the enrollment of herself and her child, Charles W. Deckman, as Cherokee freedmen. The said Amanda Deckman was identified on the Cherokee roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as a freedman. She made satisfactory proof as to her residence and as to the birth of her child, Charles W., who is too young to be upon a tribal roll. Consequently she and the said child were listed for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen.

In view of the fact that the applicant's wife, Amanda Deckman, and her child were subsequently listed for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen, it is directed that the name of Amanda Deckman be stricken from Cherokee Roll card Field No. R. 203, and the name of her son, Charles W. Deckman, from Cherokee Roll Card Field No. D.477, and that their names be reported to the Commission as applicants for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen.

It is apparent that John Deckman can only derive his rights as a claimant by intermarriage through his present wife, and as she has

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I.T., January 20, 1902.

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Final judgment as to the enrollment of the applicant as a citizen by intermarriage and his son, Charles W., as a citizen by blood of the Cherokee Nation, was suspended, and their names were placed upon Cherokee Roll Card Field No. D.477.

The applicant's wife, Amanda Deckman, having been identified on the tribal rolls of the freedmen, was listed for rejection as a citizen by blood, and her name was placed upon Cherokee Roll Card Field No. 203.

On the 15th day of May, 1901, Amanda Deckman appeared before the Commission and made application for the enrollment of herself and her child, Charles W. Deckman, as Cherokee freedmen. The said Amanda Deckman was identified on the Cherokee roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as a freedman. She made satisfactory proof as to her residence and as to the birth of her child, Charles W., who is too young to be upon a tribal roll. Consequently she and the said child were listed for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen.

In view of the fact that the applicant's wife, Amanda Deckman, and her child were subsequently listed for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen, it is directed that the name of Amanda Deckman be stricken from Cherokee Roll card Field No. R. 203, and the name of her son, Charles W. Deckman, from Cherokee Roll Card Field No. D.477, and that their names be reported to the Commission as applicants for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen.

It is apparent that John Deckman can only derive his rights as a claimant by intermarriage through his present wife, and as she has



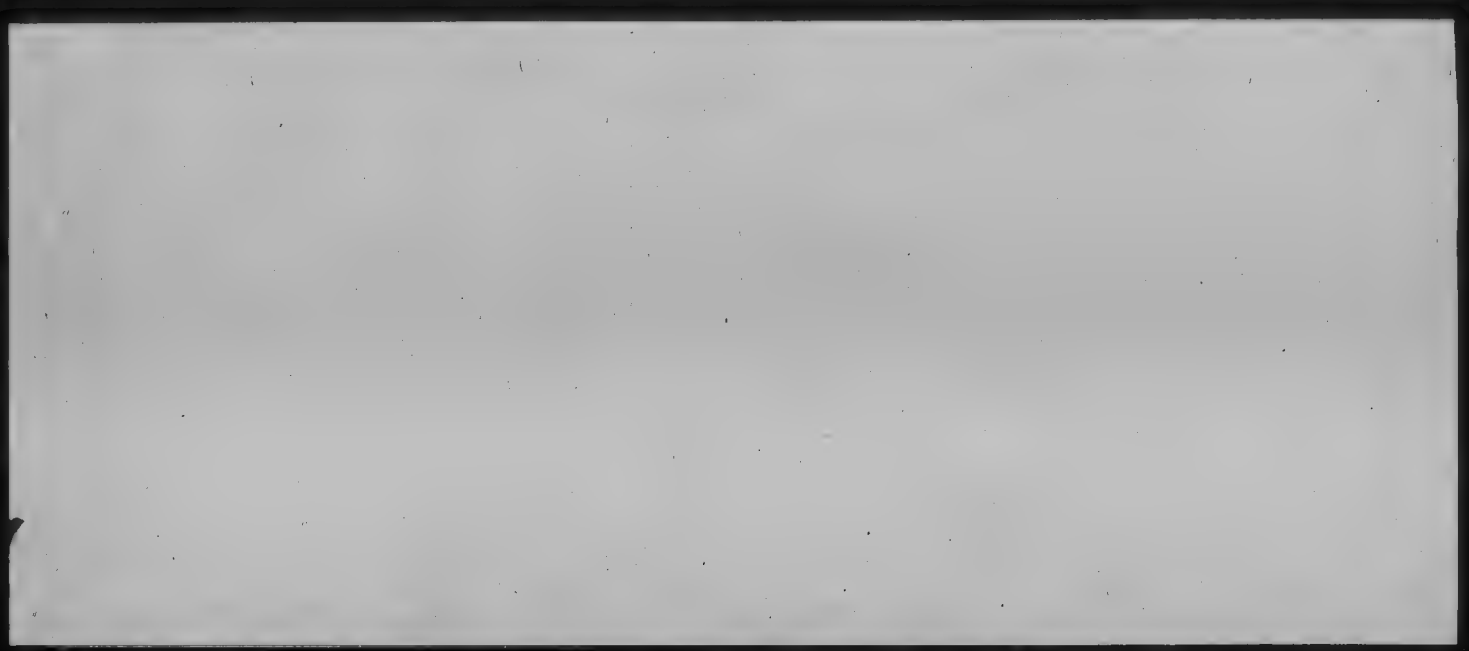
been listed for enrollment as a freedman. It is further directed that his name be stricken from Charles Ball Card No. 2,477 and transferred to a doubtful freedman card, and that his name be reported to the Commission as a freedman by informants.

It is directed that copies of this statement be filed with the testimony in the above case.



Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Nancy Washington for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Nancy Washington, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Nancy Washington.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll? A Myself.  
Q Just yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A About 44.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A In Delaware district.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I was always raised and lived here.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A My father's name is Jim Webber.  
Q Is he alive? A No, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A Been dead ever since the war.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Frances Patterson.  
Q Is your mother alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q You have been married, have you? A Yes, sir, but you will find me on the 1880 roll as Williams.  
Q How many times have you been married? A Once.  
Q To whom were you married? A George Washington.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q When were you married to him? A In 1881.  
Q Have you a certificate of your marriage? A No, sir.  
Q Is there somebody here who knows that you and he are living together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir.

Josie Bird, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Josie Bird.  
Q How old are you? A About 38 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Nowata.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been living here all my life pretty near.  
Q Is this your sister? A Yes, sir, this is my sister.  
Q Are you oth the daughters of Frances Patterson? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your sister is married is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of her husband? A George Washington.  
Q Was she ever married except to him? A No, sir, not as I know of.

Nancy Washington, recalled, testified:

- Q How did you happen to be called Williams? A We were put down with our grandmother when they made the 1880 roll.  
Q Give me the name of your grandmother? A Judy Williams.  
Q In what district did your grandmother live in 1880? A When the 1880 roll was made we were living in Cooweescoowee district.  
Q Is your grandmother alive? A No, sir, she is dead.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 200, No. 3227, Cooweescoowee district, as Nancy Williams.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant not identified thereon.  
Q Did you draw strip money? A Yes, sir.  
The Kerne-Clifton roll examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 1, No. 25, Cooweescoowee district, as Nancy Williams; note on roll says: "Now Washington."

Josie Bird, recalled, testified:



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Nancy Washington - 2.

Q Did you say your father died during the war? A No, sir, I don't know that, that was her said her father; me and her isn't full sisters, we are half sisters.

Q Have you got the same mother? A Yes, sir, the same mother.

Q When Jim Webber died, who seems to have been your half sister's father, with whom did your sister live then in her childhood? A With my mother.

Q Frances Patterson? A Yes, sir.

Q Did she ever live with her grandmother? A We stayed together a while with my grandmother.

Q What was her name? A Judy Williams.

Q Did they sometimes call you children by the name of Williams?

A When they put our names down they would put us down Williams.

Commissioner: The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns-Clifton roll as a Cherokee Freedman. She states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. The variations of name arising from ~~marriage~~ living in her childhood with her grandmother and also from marriage are explained and established in a satisfactory manner. The applicant will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce C. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 16th of May, 1901.


C. M. McNeill

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May-15-1901  
Winta F. B. Del-

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

Tr. 1 on 1880 Recd as Nancy Williams  
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Johns Bird - 3.

Johns Bird.

On March 1st, 1880, the applicant is identified on the rolls of  
1880 and 1881 as a "Johns Bird". The rolls of 1880  
showing "Johns Bird" and "Johns Bird" are now being brought up by the  
Commissioner, and it is stated that a "Johns Bird" was now be  
ing in the rolls of 1880 and 1881, and it is now be  
ing for enrollment of "Johns Bird" in the rolls. The rolls  
in enrollment for her husband, from which she states she  
has received.

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Since C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that he stated, proper to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly reported the  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the following is a  
true and complete transcript of his statements as given in court.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of May, 1901.

Commissioner.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Joanna Bird for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Joanna Bird, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Joanna Bird.  
Q Who is it you want to have enrolled? A Just myself.  
Q How old are you? A About 38 years old, I don't know my age exactly.  
Q What is your post office? A Nowata.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Nearly all my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A I don't know my father's name.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A My mother's name was Frances Patterson.  
Q Did you go by her name before you were married? A No, sir, I went by the name of Joanna Williams.  
Q How did you come to go by that name? A It is the way our grandfather and grandmother put me down.  
Q Was their name Williams? A Yes, sir, Peter Williams and Judy Williams.  
Q How many times have you been married? A Once.  
Q When were you married? A Been about six years ago.  
Q To whom were you married? A Henry Bird.  
Q Is he a colored man? A Yes, sir.  
Q Does he claim to be a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he alive now? A Yes, sir, he is alive.  
Q Is he living with you? A No, sir, me and him has been parted three years.  
Q So you don't make any application for him? A No, sir.  
Q Is there anybody here knows that you and he live together as husband and wife? A There is a gentleman (indicating).

Perry Rowe, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Perry Rowe.  
Q How old are you? A 28.  
Q What is your post office? A My postoffice is Wan, I. T.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Been living here all my days.  
Q Do you know the applicant here? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she kin to you? A First cousin of mine.  
Q What name did she go by in her childhood? A The way she was enrolled in 1880 was Joanna Williams, we were all enrolled I suppose together.  
Q Who was she living with then? A With my grandmother.  
Q What was her name? A Judy Williams.  
Q She is dead now, isn't she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your cousin here is married? A Yes, sir, has been.  
Q Give me the name of the man she married? A Henry Bird.  
Q About how long ago was it they were married? A I don't know, five or six years ago.  
Q Was she ever married except to this man? A Not as I know of.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 203, No. 3315, Cooweescoowee district, as Joanna Williams.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 397, No. 65, Coowees-

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Secured District, as follows:

Commissioner. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1887 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. The changes of name arising from marriage, and from being brought up by her grandmother, are established in a satisfactory manner. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. She makes no application for her husband, from whom she stated she has separated.

Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes in proof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th of Apr. 1901.

*A. H. H. H. H. H.*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

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May 13-1901  
Nowater  
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1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

12. Name of wife Joanna Bird Age 35

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 203 No. 8815 District C.O.S.

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Francis Patterson Citizenship Col.

Names of Children:

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Mr. J. J. Jones  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T., July 13, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Joanna Bird for  
enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

JOANNA BIRD, being duly sworn and examined, by the  
Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Joanna Bird.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know my age.  
Q About how old? A I guess I am 38 or '9. I could not tell  
you exactly.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Caneyville, Kansas.  
Q Do you mean Caney, Kansas? A Yes sir.  
Q Don't you know the postoffice where you live? A Caneyville is  
where we always get our mail.  
Q Did you ever live at Nowata? A Yes sir, but I am not living  
there now.  
Q Do you live in Kansas or the Cherokee Nation? A I live in the  
Cherokee Nation close by Crow-pan. I live with my mother,  
Frances Patterson.  
Q Have you lived all of your life in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Are you living here now? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever been out of the Cherokee Nation for any length  
of time?  
A No sir.

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Mabel F. Maxwell, being duly sworn, states that, as  
stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case  
and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete  
transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mabel F. Maxwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July, 1903.

John P. Ross  
Notary Public.

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 2000 Broadway, New York City

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, D. T., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rosa Bryant for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, she being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Rosa Bryant.  
Q Who is it you want to apply for? A Myself.  
Q How bad are you? A 35.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A Saline.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Born and raised here.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A George Bryant.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Nancy.  
Q Is she alive? A No sir, she is dead.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A I was quite a child.  
Q Have you ever been married? A Yes sir.  
Q To whom did you marry? A A man by the name of Landrum.  
Q Give me his given name? A Leonard.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you living with him now? A No sir.  
Q You have taken your old name? A Yes sir. He is married again.  
Q You have no children? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 619, No. 170, Rosellar Bryant, Saline District.

The 1896 census roll examined and her name is not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw strip money? A Yes sir.

The Kerns Clifton Roll examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 14, No. 344, Rosella Bryant, Saline District.

The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns Clifton Roll as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

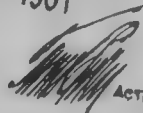
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 1901.

*C. R. Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 13-1901

Winata E.H.

Saline

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

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2. Name of wife

Age 25-

Owner's name

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Parents:

Father

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Names of Children:

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Application made by

Mr. I. Rosa Bryant

Stenographer

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I. T., September 23, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Rosa Bryant for enrollment  
as a Cherokee Freedman.

BERT LYNCH, personally appearing, and being first duly sworn  
and examined, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Bert Lynch.  
Q How old are you? A 30 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vinita.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A No, I am a recognized Cherokee  
by blood.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Rosa Bryant, was her name.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q About how old is she? A About twenty-six or seven, I believe.  
I don't know exactly.  
Q What is her father's name? A George Bryant.  
Q Her mother's name Nancy? A I don't know, I never knew.  
Q When were you married? A 6th day of July, one year ago.  
Q Are you and Rosa Lynch living together now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Got any children? A No, sir.
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I, George R. Smith, being first duly sworn, state that,  
as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, I  
correctly recorded the above and foregoing testimony and that the  
same is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic notes  
thereof.

George R. Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd day of September, 1903

Samuel Foreman,  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 18th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Rider for the enrollment of herself and her child. She being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Sarah De Rider.  
Q How old are you? A. 33 or 4.  
Q What is your post office? A. Bayden.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you been acknowledged as a Cherokee Freedman by the Cherokee authorities? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My daughter Georgia.  
Q How old is she? A. 14.  
Q Are you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your husbands name? A. Andrew Rider.  
Q Is he a citizen? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is he on the 1880 roll? A. I dont know.  
Q Do you apply for him? A. No sir.  
Q What is your fathers name? A. William Maddin.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mothers name? A. Malinda.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you been married? A. 18 years.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant found thereon as follows:  
Page 135, No. 1765, Sarah Maddin, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 417, No. 484, Sarah Rider, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 417, No. 485, Georgia Rider, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q Have you only one child? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is this child living? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles,-- Sarah Rider applies for herself and for one child named Georgia Rider; she avers that she is the child of William and Malinda Madden and her name is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Sarah Maddin, her maiden name, and she is duly identified as the applicant; she has since married one Andrew Rider and her name is found on the census roll of 1896 as Sarah Rider, and the name of her child Georgia Rider is found on said roll; they are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18th of May, 1901, at Vinita, I. T.

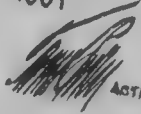
  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 15, 1901

Post Office

Hayden I.T.

District

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Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife

Sarah Rider

Age 33

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1870

Page 135

No. 1765

District

Cos

Parents:

Father

Mrs Madden - living

Citizenship

Ch. Freed -

Mother

Mahinda " - living

Citizenship

" "

Names of Children:

2. Georgia Rider

Year

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Application made by

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Stenographer

Chas von Weiss

On 1896 roll as

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Sarah Madden

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, I. T., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Johnson Vann, Jr., for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Mandy Vann, and his three children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner U. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Johnson Vann, Jr.  
Q Who is it you want to have put on the roll? A Myself, wife and three children.  
Q How old are you? A About 35 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Johnson Vann.  
Q Is your father dead? A No sir, he is living.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Delilah Vann.  
Q Is your mother alive? A No sir, she is dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Well, I don't know she has been dead several years.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A Her name was Mandy Ridge before I married her.  
Q Her name is Mandy Vann now? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is your wife? A She is about 31.  
Q When did you marry her? A I married just about the time -- well just a little before they had to get out a United States license.  
Q How long ago has that been? A Going on four years.  
Q Have you got a certificate of marriage? A I got a license.  
Q Have you got it with you? A No sir.  
Q Were you ever married except to this wife? A Yes sir.  
Q How many times? A Once.  
Q Was that wife dead when you married this woman? A No sir.  
Q Your first wife wasn't dead? A No sir, she had a living husband and they said it wasn't lawful and we separated.  
Q Is your present wife a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation, your present wife? A I guess so.  
Q Is she on all the rolls? A No sir.  
Q Was she ever married except to you, this wife? A No sir.  
Q You were never married but once before you married this woman? A Just once.  
Q Give me the name of the father of your present wife? A Neal Ridge.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of her mother. A Laura.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Neal Ridge a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Laura Ridge a Cherokee Freedman? A No sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children. A Early Vann.  
Q How old is that child? A Four years old.  
Q Is that the child of your present wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your next child? A Pansy Vann.  
Q How old is that child? A Two years old.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Herbert Vann.  
Q How old is that child? A One year old in February.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes sir.  
Q Is there anybody here who knows that you and your wife are living together as husband and wife? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 195, No. 3123, Johnson Vann, Jr., Cooweescoowee Dist.

The 1896 census roll examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 424, No. 646, Johnson Vann, Jr., Cooweescoowee District.

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The 1880 authenticated roll and the 1896 census roll examined for the name of the applicant's wife and her name cannot be identified thereon.

Q Did your wife draw strip money? A Yes sir.

The Kerns Clifton Roll examined and the name of the applicant's wife is found on page 137, No. 3878, Amanda Ridge, Cooweescoowee District.

Cornelius Ridge, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C.R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name. A Cornelius Ridge.

Q How old are you? A I am about 48 or 9.

Q What is your postoffice? A Spavinaw.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Well, I have lived here about 28 years, I guess.

Q Do you know this applicant here? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know his wife? A Yes sir.

Q Is she your daughter? A Yes sir.

Q What is her name? A Mandy Nile.

Q About how long has she been married to this man? A Well sir, I don't know exactly. I presume about four or five years.

Q How many children have they? A They have three children.

Q These children all born since their marriage? A No sir, two of them since their marriage.

Q The oldest one was born before their marriage? A Before.

Q Have you applied for enrollment? A No sir.

Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money? A Yes sir.

Q Did you know this man long before his marriage? A Yes sir, quite a while.

Q He was married once before he married your daughter, wasn't he? A Yes sir, I think he was. I wasn't at his marriage, but then he lived with a woman.

Q They parted did they? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know anything about why they parted? A No sir, I do not.

Q All you know is that they parted? A Yes sir.

Q Now, this oldest child, Early Vann, is that the child of your daughter, Mandy? A Yes sir, that is her child.

Commissioner of Applicant: Is this child, Early Vann, your child?

A No sir.

Q You don't make any claim for that child as your child? A No sir, only adopted; I have raised him ever since he was nine months old.

Q Your wife was never married to the father of that child? A No sir.

Q What was the name of your first wife? A Rose Flatrock, and some called her Alberty.

Q What was her name when you married her? A Rose Flatrock, and some called her Rose Alberty.

Q You have no children of that marriage, have you? A No sir.

Q How long did you and that woman, Rose, live together? A I guess about a little over a year or something like that.

Q And then you parted? A Yes sir.

Q Were you married to her by a preacher? A Yes sir.

Q Did you get a divorce? A No sir.

Q She had been married before to a man named Flatrock? A Yes sir.

Q Give me the full name of that man. A They called him Jim Flatrock and some called him Jim Alberty.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and three children, one of whom is found to be a stepchild. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is identified on the Kerns Clifton Roll, and it is shown by the testimony of the applicant, and by that of his wife's father, that they were married some four years ago, and that she was never

previously married. It appears, however, that the applicant was once previously married, and he states that it was found that his first wife had been lawfully married to another man, and they separated, but he did not procure a decree of divorce from that wife. It is desired to consider the effect of this feature with respect to the legality of the second marriage, and also the fact that the marriage between the applicant and his wife was only consummated some four years ago, which latter fact, as well as the first, would under the present consideration effect her right to enrollment by intermarriage. It further appears that a right is claimed for her as a Cherokee Freedman of her own right. This is not gone into fully at the present time, but any right she has of the latter character must be derived through her father, Neal Ridge, and her mother Laura Ridge whose cases have not yet been taken, and testimony from those cases when they are taken will be filed with this case. Under the conditions stated, the applicant's wife, Mandy Vann, will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card. She is not identified in the roll of 1880, or upon the roll of 1898, nor is her father or mother identified on the roll of 1880. The oldest of the three children, Early Vann, is found to be the applicant's stepchild. This is a child of his wife, born before their marriage, and he states that he is not the father of that child. This child, therefore, can possess no rights except such as may be possessed by his mother as a Cherokee Freedman of her own right as distinguished from any right acquired by marriage. It is not developed that the father and mother of Early Vann were ever married. It is desired that the Commission be supplied with a proper certificate of birth of the child, Early Vann, and this child will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card to await the determination of its mother's rights as just indicated. The two children of the applicant's present marriage, Pansy and Herbert Vann, are too young to be upon any roll. When the Commission is supplied with proper certificates of their births, these being children of the present marriage, they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card to await the determination of the legality of the marriage between their father and mother, or the right of the mother independently of any marriage. The final decision of these doubtful cases will be made known to the applicant at his postoffice address.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

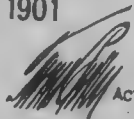
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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

Age

Citizenship

1. Name

Owner's name

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Mother

2. Name of wife

Owner's name

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Mother

Names of Children:

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Application made by

No. 1- Johnson Vann Stenographer Mr. Rothenberg

No. 1 on 1896 Roll Page 424 No. 646 Co. 5.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May, 18th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Minnie ~~Landrum~~ Brown for the enrollment of herself and child as Cherokee Freedmen- she being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Minnie Brown.  
Q How old are you? A. I don't exactly know.  
Q About how old? A. About 18.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Adair.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Delaware.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My baby.  
Q What is the name of your baby? A. Floyd Brown.  
Q How old? A. 7 months.  
Q What is your father's name? A. Sam Landrum.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Sarah Ratliff.  
Q Are they living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the 1880 roll? A. I think it is.  
Q Have you ever been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation? A. No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 305, No. 2166 Sarah Ratcliffe, Delaware district.

- Q Are you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A. John Brown.  
Q Is he a citizen? A. No sir.  
Q Your name was Minnie Landrum before you were married? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles,- Minnie Brown applies for herself and her child Floyd Brown; she avers that she is the child of Sarah Ratliff, and the name of Sarah Ratliff is found on the authenticated roll of 1880; applicant avers that she is married to one John Brown a non-citizen by whom she has one child, Floyd; it will be necessary for the applicant to present satisfactory proof as to the birth of said child her name not being on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation and it will also be necessary for her to present proof of birth as to herself, she not being found on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation. She is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said Minnie Brown and her child Floyd will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen upon her filing with the Commission satisfactory proof as to her own birth and as to the birth of her child Floyd.

The rolls of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant and her child not found on any of them.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th of May, 1901 at  
Vinita, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*  
*T. B. Needles*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 15 1901  
Hidair St.  
Delaware

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

11. Name of wife *Minnie Brown* Age *18*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father *Sam'l. Landrum living* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother *Sarah Patchette - living* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

21. *Floyd Brown* Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ *7ms*

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Application made by *No 1*Stenographer *Chas. von Meise**1 and 2 affidavits of birth required.*



*P* CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. *845*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Marime Brown*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

MAY 16 1901

Approved,

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *CHEROKEE* Nation,  
of *Minnie Brown*, born on the *20* day of *March*, 1884  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Samuel Landrum* citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Sarah Morris*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office, *Adair, St.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Northern* INDIAN TERRITORY, District.

I, *Sarah Morris*, on oath state that I am *about 35*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Treaty Cherokee Freedman*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *David Morris*, who is a citizen, by  
*Adoption Cherokee Freedman*, of the *Cherokee* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
*about 20* born to me on the *20* day of *April* of *1884* that said child has been  
named *Minnie Morris nee Brown*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*F. McSmith*

*Frank Daniels*

*Sarah Morris*  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1901.

*my Com Exp May 5<sup>th</sup> 1904* *F. McSmith*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Northern* INDIAN TERRITORY, District.

I, *Lizzie Daniels*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Sarah Morris*, wife of *David Morris*,  
on the *about 20<sup>th</sup>* day of *Spring*, 1884, that there was born to her on  
said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Minnie Morris nee Brown*.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*F. McSmith*

*Frank Daniels*

*Lizzie Daniels*  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1901.

*my Com Exp May 5<sup>th</sup> 1904* *F. McSmith*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

10. CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 845.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lloyd Brown

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE Nation.

Approved,

MAY 15 1901

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of *Floyd Brown*, born on the *8<sup>th</sup>* day of *September*, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *John Brown*, a citizen of the *U. S.*  
Name of Mother: *Minnie Brown*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office, *Adair, S. T.*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District. }

I, *Minnie Brown*, on oath state that I am *48* *18*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Treaty*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *John Brown*, who is a citizen, by  
of the *United States* Nation, that a *male* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *8<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept*, 1900, that said child has been  
named *Floyd Brown*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*F. M. Smith* *Minnie Brown*  
*Frank Canick* *mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1901.

*my Com. Exp May 5<sup>th</sup> 1904* *F. M. Smith*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Northern* District. }

I, *Mary Brown*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Minnie Brown*, wife of *John Brown*,  
on the *8<sup>th</sup>* day of *September*, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Floyd Brown*  
(male or female)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*F. M. Smith* *Mary Brown*  
*Frank Canick*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1901.

*my Com Exp May 5<sup>th</sup> 1904* *F. M. Smith*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Cherokee Freedmen 845

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

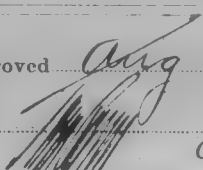
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Approved Aug 21 1902

  
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*Cherokee Freedman!*

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation,  
of *Sylvester Brown* (here insert name of child), born on the *30* day of *May*, 1902  
Name of Father: *John Brown*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Minnie Brown*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office, *Minnie J T*

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, *Am Minnie Brown*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Birth*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *John Brown*, who is a citizen, by  
*Marriage*, of the *Cherokee* Nation, that a *Boy* (male or female) child was  
born to me on the *30<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1902; that said child has been  
named *Sylvester Brown*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *30<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 1902.  
*Geo. E. McCreesh*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, *Am Eliza Fullerton*  
attended on Mrs. *Minnie Brown*, wife of *John Brown*  
on the *30* day of *May*, 1902; that there was born to her on  
said date a *Boy* (male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Sylvester Brown*.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *30<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 1902.  
*Geo. E. McCreesh*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 16th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Charles Campbell for the enrollment of himself, wife and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Campbell being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Charles Campbell.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Campbell? A 60.  
Q What is your post office? A Elliott.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe besides the Cherokee? A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other? A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll? A Myself, wife and four children.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Emma.  
Q How old is she? A She is 51.  
Q Please give me the names of your children commencing with the oldest? A Walter, he is 25, but he is absent-minded; he is not calculated to do any business at all; I had to take care of him myself.  
Q All right, 25? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the next child's name? A John.  
Q How old is John? A 19.  
Q The next one? A Albert.  
Q How old is Albert? A 15.  
Q The next one? A Mary Ellen.  
Q How old is Mary Ellen? A 11.  
Q Is Walter married? A No, sir.  
Q Now, what is the reason Walter is not here himself?  
A He is absent-minded.  
Q He has not mind enough to take care of himself? A No, sir.  
Q About what we call non compos? A Yes, sir.  
Q You are his father? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant found thereon, page 83, #602, Charley Campbell, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q When did you marry Emma? A About 30 years.  
Q Is her name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her name before you married her? A Looney.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant's wife found thereon page 89, #787, Emma Campbell, Cooweescoowee District.

Applicant's son Walter: Page 89, #790, Walter Campbell, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 Census Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

- Page 399, #104, Charles Campbell, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 399, #105, Emma Campbell, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 399, #106, Walter Campbell, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 399, #109, Johnie Campbell, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 399, #110, Albert Campbell, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 399, #111, Mary E. Campbell, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you and your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Your father and mother not living, I don't suppose? A No, sir.  
Q Your wife's father and mother not living? A Her father is living, her mother is dead.



Charles Campbell, et al.--2.

Comr NEEDLES:--Charles Campbell applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Emma, and four children, Walter, John, Albert and Mary E. The name of himself and the name of his wife are found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. He applies for the enrollment of his son, Walter, 25 years of age, and gives satisfactory reason in the testimony as to why the said Walter is not present, averring that he is non compos and that he is his father and always transacted his business for him. He is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. The names of his three children, John, Albert and Mary E., are duly identified upon the census roll of 1896 and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Charles Campbell and his wife, Emma and his four children, as enumerated herein, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the commission to the five civilized tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 17th day, 1901.

*W. H. McKinstry*

Commissioner.

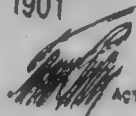
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 16, 1961

Post Office

J. Elliott St.

District

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1. Name

Charles Campbell

Age 60

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

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District

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Emma Campbell

Age 51

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

787

District

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3.

Walter

Campbell

Year

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John

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Albert

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Mary E.

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Application made by

W. L.

Stenographer

J. L. Fossom

1 On 1880 roll as Charles Campbell

1 " 1896 " Page 399 No. 104 - Cor

2 " 1896 " " 399 " 105 - "

3 " 1896 " " 399 " 107 - "

4 " 1896 " as Johnie Campbell

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NOTED, BUREAU

transcribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May

thereof.

The foregoing is an accurate transcription of his statement, his notes  
testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cases, and that  
Commission to the five Civilized Tribes, as correctly recorded the  
E. C. Betwell, on oath states that, as aforementioned to him.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., March 25, 1903.

In the matter of the application of CHARLES CAMPBELL, for the enrollment of himself, his wife EMMA CAMPBELL, and his children, WALTER, JOHN, ALBERT and MARY E. CAMPBELL, as Cherokee Freedmen:

Appearances:

Applicant present in person;  
W. W. Hastings, for Cherokee Nation.

CHARLES CAMPBELL, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

- Q What is your name ? A Charles Campbell.  
Q How old are you ? A Sixty two or three.  
Q What is your post office ? A Elliott.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman ? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the 1880 roll ? A Yes sir.  
Q What district ? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Where have you been living since 1880 ?  
A Been living in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Been living in the Cherokee Nation all the time ? A Yes sir.  
Q Still living in Cooweescoowee district ? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you had the same place all that time ?  
A Yes sir the same place.  
Q You have never been out of the Nation ?  
A Never lived out of the Nation.  
Q Never lived out a day since 1880 ? A No sir, only when I was off from home a few days at a time.  
Q What is your wife's name ? A Emma Campbell.  
Q When were you married to her ? A About thirty two years ago.  
Q She is on the 1880 roll with you ? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she still alive ? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you and your wife been living together ever since you were married ? A Yes sir.  
Q Never been separated ? A No sir.  
Q Living on the same place with you in Cooweescoowee district ?  
A Yes sir.  
Q How many children have you ? A Seven.  
Q Is the oldest child named Walter ? A Joe.  
Q He enrolled himself ? A Yes sir.  
Q Who is the next ? A Jim. He enrolled himself.  
Q Walter is next ? A Yes sir he's an absent-minded boy.  
Q Feeble minded ? A Absent-minded, yes sir.  
Q He has always lived with you ? A Yes sir.  
Q The next one is John ? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he living at home ? A Yes sir.  
Q And Albert and Mary E ? A Yes sir.  
Q Are all these children living ? A Yes sir.  
Q Living at home ? A Yes sir.  
Q And have always lived at home ? A Yes sir.

Examined by Mr. Hastings:

- I want to ask you just a straight-forward question, have you ever lived in Coffeyville ? A No sir.  
Q Never did ? A I never lived there.  
Q Did you ever keep house there ? A No sir, never did, always stayed at the farm and farmed every year.



Q That aint what I am talking about, you may have a farm over there but I want to know if you ever kept house in Coffeyville ?

A No sir, my wife stayed there some.

Q Did your wife ever stay there some ?

A Yes sir to send my little girl to school.

Q Why didn't you tell that a while ago, we have been hearing that you were living in Coffeyville. (No response)

Q When did you move to Coffeyville ? A Never did move there.

Q How did your wife happen to live there ?

A Why she just had a few things there to keep the little girl in school.

Q When did your wife move there ? A A little--a few months ago. She was there a while you see, and she would rent the house out and as soon as she could---

Q Just commence and tell the first time she ever did move to Coffeyville, the first time ? A Lets see--

Q Was it before the Freedman payment ?

A Since the Freedman payment, I think.

Q Well, do you know ? A Since the Freedman payment.

Q Well how long after ? A Directly afterwards I think.

Q Well, a few months, or a year ?

A Yes sir, about a year or two, Mr. Hastings.

Q Well, have you no idea at all ?

A She was in and out, yes sir.

Q Well, that aint an answer, that in and out business, I want to know about how long after the Freedman payment.

A About eighteen months.

Q Well about what month did you move up there ?

A I don't remember hardly.

Q You want to begin to kind of rack your memory, now you are under oath. A It was in school session.

Q Do you know when school is in session ?

A Lets see, along about September, I believe.

Q Was it September after the payment ?

A No sir, it was the year after that.

Q Was that the first time; had you ever lived there before the payment ? A No sir.

Q Had your wife ever ? A No sir.

Q Had she ever kept house there ? A No sir, never had no house there.

Q Never had any pretense of living there before that ?

A No sir.

Q Never did ? A No sir.

Q Who was it going to school ? A A little girl.

Q What is her name ? A Mary.

Q What is the boy's name ? A Albert.

Q Did John ever go to school there ? A No sir.

Q None of the older children ? A No sir, they went to Tahlequah to school, went to Hickory Creek and then to Tahlequah.

Q Did you buy a house in Coffeyville ?

A No sir, she bought a lot herself.

Q Your wife bought a lot and had it built ? A Yes sir.

Q In whose name was it made ? A Hers and not mine.

Q Well, you lived there with her ? A No sir.

Q Didn't you ever stay all night there ?

A I stayed all night there some times.

Q How long did you stay there ? A I would go to town like today, and would be back in the morning at the farm.

Q How far was your farm from Coffeyville ? A About nine miles.

Q Which one of your fellows in business up there, you or Ed ?

A Why I never did have no business up there; Ed is, but not much business.

Q Didn't you have some sort of a mercantile business of some kind up there ? A No sir.

Q Did Ed ? A He run a kind of an eating house for a while, I never did.

Q Where is your wife now ? A At home on Hickory Creek.

Q How long has she been back there ? A Three or four years or more.

Q That's about as long as you say she has been up there ? A She's been there about twelve months.

Q How long did she live there ? A She never did live there steady no time, she went in and out. She would turn the house to other people and let them keep the child.

Q How long did she stay there when she first went there ? A About two months.

Q Would you swear that ? A No sir, I wouldn't, but I guess about two months.

Q What size house is it ? A Six rooms.

Q Didn't she stay all that first year she went up there ? A No sir, she just rented it out.

Q Just rented it out ? A Yes sir, to a man named Morris; he kept the little girl.

Q Go back up there the next year ? A No sir.

Q Just part of one year ? A Yes sir.

Q Just two or three months ? A Yes sir.

Q Did she ever go back ? A She went back to see the little girl and take her some clothes.

Q Ever go back to stay ? A No sir, only two or three weeks at a time.

Q She only went back after that on a visit ? A Yes sir.

Q Stayed a day or two ? A Yes sir, and sometimes maybe come back the same day; and sometimes she stayed a day or two.

Q Where did these two older boys of yours live ? A They lived down there on the farm.

Q Did they ever live in Coffeyville ? A No sir.

Q Did they ever keep house there ? A No sir.

Q They never lived there at all ? A No sir, they stayed right there on the creek working on the farm.

Q Did you ever vote in Coffeyville ? A No sir.

Q Did you ever vote in Kansas ? A No sir, never voted in Kansas in my life. I would never be there to vote; never would be around there.

Q I want to tell you that there is a whole lot of these folks been telling us that you lived there in Coffeyville.

A I know, Mr. Cobb was telling me about it.

Examined by the Commission:

Q How old were these two children when your wife took them up to Coffeyville to go to school ? A Oh about twelve years old.

Q Which one was twelve ? A The little girl.

Q Mary ? A Yes sir.

Q She is only thirteen now aint she ? A Yes sir, thirteen.

Q Well, she must have been younger than that ? A No sir, I think not, she went to school a while at Hickory Creek.

Q How old was Albert when he went up there ? A I have forgot how old, he is sixteen now, I believe; about fifteen when he went I guess.

Q That's only a year ago when they went up there ? A I forget how old he was exactly; he never attended much, he was in and out, he quit school and would go home and plow, when he wouldn't stay in school I put him to work; boys are so bad after they get up to a good size.

E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. C. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 15, 1903.

*Samuel Foreman*

Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T., August 3, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Charles Campbell for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Emma, and his children, Walter, John, Albert and Mary E. Campbell, as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

CHARLES CAMPBELL, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Charlie Campbell.  
Q Is it Charles Campbell? A Yes sir, Charles Campbell.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 62 as near as I can get at it.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Elliott.  
Q Have you a son named Walter? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is he? A He is a little past 26.  
Q Does he live with you? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Walter able to look after his own business affairs?  
A No sir, he is absent minded; had spasms when he was a small boy.  
Q How long has he been that way? A Well, he taken spells when he was about 8 years old and about four years ago he commenced having fits every change of the moon.  
Q He is not right in his mind? A No sir.  
Q Not able to attend to his own business affairs? A No sir.  
Q You take care of him, do you? A Yes sir.

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Mabel F. Maxwell, being duly sworn, states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case, and that the above is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mabel F. Maxwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 3rd day of August, 1903.

Samuel Foreman,

Notary public



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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Walter Sampson*  
a citizen of the  
*Frederick*  
*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved *May 5* 1905

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Commissioner.

*May 5-1905*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Walter Campbell  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Elliott, Ind. Ter., and died on the in day of  
June, 1904  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern DISTRICT. }  
I, George Campbell, on oath state that I am 32  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Elliott, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
a brother of Walter Campbell,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Walter Campbell died on the in day of  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
June, 1904 George Campbell

WITNESSES TO MARK :  
(Must be Two Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of March, 1905.  
Samuel Foreman  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
DISTRICT. }  
I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK :  
(Must be Two Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_.  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 16th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Steve Vann for the enrollment of himself, wife and eight children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn by Commissioner R. R. Matthews C. R. Brookinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Steve Vann.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled? A Myself, wife and eight children  
Q How old are you? A About 42.  
Q What is your post office? A Welch.  
Q In what district do you live? A I live in Delaware, now.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Went south at the breaking out of the war and came back in '66 and have lived here ever since.  
Q You have lived here all your life then except during the war? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your fathers name? A Tebe Vann.  
Q Is he alive? A No sir he died in war times.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Charlotte.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. 8 or 9 years.  
Q Give me your wife's name? A. Mary Vann.  
Q How old is she? A. 42.  
Q When did you and she marry? A. I cannot tell you.  
Q You have been married more than 20 years? A. No sir I dont think it has been that long  
Q Have you a child over 21 years of age? A. Yes sir.  
Q Were you married before that child was born? A Yes sir.  
Q You have been married then about 22 or '3 years at least? A Yes sir, I guess so.  
Q Does your wife claim to be a Cherokee Freedman of her own right? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's father? A. Bill Buffington.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. I cannot tell you, I never seen him to know him.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A. Mary Stover.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A About 7 or 8 years.  
Q This is a list of your children is it? A Yes sir.  
Q The oldest child for whom you make application is named Fred, 19 years old, is that right? A Yes sir.  
Q The next child is Ellen, 18 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q The next child is Birt, 15 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q The next child is Walter, 13 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q The next one is Fredonia, 11 years old? A Yes sir  
Q What do you call that other child? A Elia  
Q Is it a boy or a girl? A A girl.  
Q She is 10 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q Then comes Harry? A Yes sir.  
Q He is 9 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q Then the next living child is Dewey? A Yes sir.  
Q He is three years old? A Yes sir.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes sir.  
Q What district were you living in in 1880? A. Cooweescoowee district  
Q Have you any brothers or sisters? A. I have one brother living.  
Q What is his name? A Gilbert Vann.  
Q Is he older than you? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 192, No. 3030, Stephen Vann, Cooweescoowee district.



Steve Vann 2

Q How was your wife's mother named, Stover, back 30 years ago? A. I reckon so I cant tell you.

Q Where did your wife live at the time you married her? A. In Cooweescoowee.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife not found thereon.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant's wife and his children not found thereon.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Page 12, No. 301, Stephen Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

Page 12, No. 303, Ella Vann, "

Page 12, No. 305, Bertie Vann, "

Page 12 No. 306, Walter Vann, "

Page 12, No. 304, Fredonia Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

NOTE: Freddie on Wallace roll.

Page 12, No. 307, Eli Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

The Wallace roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants found as follows:

Page 17 No. 360, Stephen Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

Page 17 No. 362, Freddie Vann, Cooweescoowee district

The name of the applicant's wife not found on the Kerns-Clifton roll or the Wallace roll.

Q Were you ever married except to this wife? A. No sir.

Q Was she ever married except to you? A Yes sir.

Q How many times was she married before she married you? A Once after we was married.

Q Were you and she parted? A Yes sir.

Q And she married some one while you were parted? A Yes sir, and then we lived together again.

Q Did she get a divorce from you when she parted the first time? A No sir.

Q Was she married to that other man by a preacher? A I dont know.

Q Are any of these children the children of that second marriage that that your wife contracted? A. Yes sir there is one there,

Q Which one? A Harry.

Q Now has your wife ever been married except to you and this marriage she contracted while she and you were parted? A. No sir.

Q Her first marriage to you was the first marriage she ever made? A Yes sir.

Q Who was it she married while you and she were living apart? A. I dont know, some fellow, I think it was Bob Wallace.

Q Was he a State man or a Cherokee Freedman? A I dont know, sir, I guess he was a citizen of the Creek Nation, he lived at Muskogee.

Q And then they parted? A. I suppose so.

Q Did your wife ever get a divorce from him? A No sir, not as I know of.

Q You know that she never got any divorce from you? A I know that.

Q Did a preacher marry you and your wife? A. Yes sir.

Q Who was it? A. Jess Roe.

Q Where were you and she married? A. On Big Creek.

Q Was your wife married to this man you speak of, by a preacher? A I dont know nothing about it.

Q Did they live together as husband and wife? A. That is what they say, I dont know nothing about it, she was at Muskogee and I was up here.

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Q But you have charge of this child Harry and this child is said to be a child of that marriage? A. Yes sir.

Q There is also one of that marriage that is dead? A. Yes sir.

KATIE ADAMS, called and sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, as a witness on the part of the applicant, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Katie Adams.

Q How old are you? A. I am 38.

Q What is your post office? A. Welch, I. T.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life,

Q You have been here ever since you can remember have you? A. Yes sir.

Q Do you know this applicant, Steve Vann? A. Yes sir.

Q What kin is he to you? A. My brother.

A He is married is he? A. Yes sir.

Q What is the name of his wife? A. Mary.

Q What was her name when he married her? A. Stover.

Q Her own father's name was Buffington was it not? A. I dont know.

Q Did you know her mother? A. Yes sir.

Q What was her mother's name? A. Mary Stover too.

Q Was your brother ever married except to this wife? A. No sir.

Q They have grown up children and a good many of them? A. Yes sir.

Q Was your bother's wife ever married except to him? A. I dont know about that.

Q Was she ever married before she married him? A. Not as I know of

Q They had a falling out and parted for some years did they? A. Yes sir,

Q And then she went off and married when they were parted? A I suppose so.

Q That is your understanding? A. Yes sir.

Q They are living together now as husband and wife? A. Yes sir.

Q How many children have they now in their charge, that are the children of that marriage that your brother's wife is said to have contracted while they were parted? A. There is ~~James~~ Jimmie, Fred, and Ellen and Fredone, Eli, Walter and Dewey and Birt.

Q These are your brother's children by this woman? A. Yes sir I know they are for I nursed them all.

Q The child Harry is said to be her child when she married that other man? A. I suppose so.

Q These other children that you have named are all recognized as your brother's children by that wife? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Breckinridge,-

The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and eight children. The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880, and on the Wallace and Kerne-Clifton rolls as a Cherokee Freedman; he states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, except a brief period at the time of the war and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is not identified on any roll, though the applicant states that she claims to be a Cherokee Freedman of her own right; she is shown to have married the applicant some 25 years ago, and neither he or she was married previous to that marriage. She lived with her husband many years when they parted but no divorce was secured. They have since resumed living together as husband and wife, but during the period of their separation the applicant's wife is said to have contracted another marriage, which will be

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further referred to in connection with the two younger children of those whose names have been applied for in this case. No divorce was obtained from the applicant prior to the second marriage and no divorce was obtained from the second husband prior to the resumption of the marriage relations between the applicant and his wife. She will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card to await any proof that she may be able to furnish in regard to her right to enrollment apart from her marriage and for the further consideration of her status as now presented as a Cherokee Freedman by inter-marriage. Of the eight children applied for, the first six, Fred, Ellen, Birt, Walter, Fredonia and Elia are children of the applicant and his wife, born prior to their separation, and consequently prior to her second marriage and subsequent marriage. These children are all living now; the first child is identified on the Wallace roll and seems to have been confused with the name of the next to the oldest child just named, at the time of the making of the Kerna-Clifton roll, and said first child is not upon the Kerna-Clifton roll. The remaining five of these six children just mentioned are identified on the Kerna-Clifton roll, and all of these six children, being alive, and being considered the lawful children of the applicant, will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. The child Harry Vann, is shown to be a child of the applicant's wife by her second and subsequent marriage; this child is not upon any roll; when the Commission is supplied with a certificate of birth as to this child Harry Vann, it will be listed for enrollment on a doubtful card as a Cherokee Freedman, to await evidence of the mother's right to enrollment independently of her marriage to the applicant. The child Dewey, is too young to be upon any roll; this is a child of the applicant and his wife, born since her second marriage and after their resumption of marriage relations. When the Commission is supplied with a certificate of the birth of this child, it will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman upon a doubtful card to await the consideration of its rights arising from what may be shown to be its mother's rights independently of this marriage, and in default of any right of that character being established, to await the further consideration of this child's right in the light of the separation and resumption of marriage relations set forth in this decision. The final decision of the Commission in these doubtful cases will be made known to the applicant at his post office address when it is arrived at by the Commission.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 21st of May, 1901,  
at Vinita, I. T.

*Chas von Weise*  
*A. H. Perkins*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 16, 1901  
Hutch. I. T.  
Delaware.

1. Name

Steve Vann.

Age 42.

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1888

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No.

3030

District

Cov.

Parents:

Father

Lobe Vann.

- d. -

Citizenship

Cov.

Mother

Charlotte Vann.

- d. -

Citizenship

Cov.

2. Name of wife

Mary Vann.

Age 42.

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Bill Buffington

Citizenship

Cov.

Mother

Mary Stokes

- d. -

Citizenship

Cov.

Names of Children:

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| 2  | Fred Vann.  | Year | 1888 | Page | 17 | No. | 362 | District | Cov. | 19 |
| 3  | Ellen "     | Year | 1888 | Page | 12 | No. | 303 | District | Cov. | 18 |
| 4  | Birt "      | Year | "    | Page | "  | No. | 305 | District | "    | 16 |
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Application made by

No. 1 Steve Vann.

Stenographer

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 M. I. H. R. " p. 17 No. 360 as Stephen Vann, Cov.  
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ALTING CHAIRMAN.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Vann for enrollment  
as a Cherokee Freedman.

Supplemental testimony.

Mary Vann, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner  
Brookbridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your name? A Mary Vann.

Q How old are you? A 42.

Q What is your post office? A Wesson Switch; we get it at  
Velch just the same.

Q In what district do you live? A I don't know, I live on the  
east side of the railroad.

Q Delaware district you think? A Yes, sir, I guess it is.

Q You are married are you? A Yes, sir.

Q Give me the name of your husband? A Steve Vann.

Q Application was made for you yesterday, it appears, by your  
husband? A Yes, sir.

Q Have you a child named Harry? A Yes, sir.

Q And then a younger child? A Yes, sir.

Q What is the name of that child? A Dewey.

Commissioner: Her case is Cherokee doubtful D-322, the same  
being the application made for herself and these two children.

Q Give me the name of your father? A Bill Buffington.

Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.

Q How long has he been dead? A I don't know just when he died,  
I think it has been seven or eight years.

Q Give me the name of your mother? A Mary Stover or Mary Lindsey,  
she went by her husband's name when she died.

Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.

Q What was her name when she died? A Her name was Mary Lindsey

Q Had been Mary Buffington? A Yes, sir.

Q She was Mary Lindsey when she died? A Yes, sir.

Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead about 18  
years I guess, as near as I can come it.

Q Have you any full sisters? A I haven't got any full sisters,  
just half sisters.

Q Do you know a woman named Eliza Gaines? A Yes, sir, that  
is my half sister.

Q Did you and she have the same mother? A Yes, sir, the same  
mother.

Q How do you claim through your father or your mother, or through  
yourself? A I claim through my mother and through myself.

Q You were born when the war broke out? A Yes, sir, I was born  
a little before the war I guess.

Q To whom did you belong? A I don't remember anything about  
the war, any nor about my mother's old master, or anything like  
that, I wasn't large enough.

Q You don't remember who all the people said you belonged to  
before the war? A I remember her saying she belonged to Stover.

Q What was his full name? A I think his name was John.

Q Do you know where they carried you during the war? A I heard my  
mother said they went south.

Q Do you remember when you came back from the south? A No, sir,  
I don't.

Q You don't know whether you came back with your half sister Eliza  
Gaines or not? A No, sir, only just what I heard them say that  
all of us come back together, I wasn't large enough to know myself.

Q Is there anyone of the old people here who knows whether you and  
Eliza came back together or not? A No, sir, there is not any of  
my folks here at all.

Q Well, where were you at the time of your earliest recollection,  
what is the first place you remember anything about? A Well, when I  
remember anything about the Territory at all I was here.

Q Where? A Well, on Cabin Creek is where we first lived that I

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began to know anything about it.

Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since? A Yes, sir, most ever since.

Q Where have you been living when you were not in the Cherokee Nation? A I went to Ghetopa and worked there, and then back in the Territory. I went to Ghetopa and worked at times.

Q Is that in the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir, I have been in the Creek Nation.

Q How long were you outside of the Cherokee Nation? A I have never been only two years at a time, or three.

Q At one time? A Yes, sir.

Q But you were out at different times? A Well, at times, I was young, before I was married, I stayed over in Ghetopa and worked a little while at a time and came down where my mother was.

Q Where was your mother? A Down here on Cabin Creek.

Q Where did your mother die? A She died out here on Timbered Hill near Bluejacket.

Q Have you ever been outside of the Indian Territory? A Yes, sir, Ghetopa, Kansas.

Q So that was in Kansas you worked for a while? A Yes, sir.

Q Tell me when you first went up to Kansas to work? A Well, I don't know just the year, just when it was; it has been twenty years ago though, or a little longer than that.

Q How did you happen to go up there in the first place to work?

A I just went up there to hire out.

Q How far did you live from the Kansas line? A I think they called it 15 miles or maybe 12 or 13, I think that is the distance over there.

Q Where were you married? A I was married on Big Creek.

Q How long ago? A Well, it has been all of 25 years I guess.

Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since? A Yes, sir.

Q How far do you live from your sister Elisa Gaines? A I live about nine miles I think.

Q And how far does she live from here? A Why I don't know how far they call it from Bluejacket down to Vinita.

Q Can't you have somebody come here and testify whether you and Elisa Gaines were brought back to the Cherokee Nation together?

A Well she had Uncle Sheep Jim for their witness, he is here, he is out on the Ground.

Jim Alberty, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Brecinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your name? A Jim Alberty.

Q How old are you? A 70 years old.

Q What is your post office? A Chouteau.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.

Q Do you know this applicant here, Mary Vann; is that her name?

A Yes, sir, that is right.

Q You know her, do you? A Yes, sir.

Q What was her name before she was Vann? A Her first name, first her owner's name was Stover.

Q What was his full name? A John Stover.

Q Was he a Cherokee citizen? A No, sir.

Q What was he? A He was a non citizen.

Q He wasn't a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q You said he wasn't a Cherokee citizen? A He wasn't a Cherokee, but his wife was a Cherokee.

Q Well, was this woman understood to belong to the wife or the husband? A The wife.

Q Do you know this woman's mother? A Yes, sir.

Q What was her name? A Rose Vann, that is what I understood.

Q You know her name was Rose what? A Rose Vann is the way I always called her.

Q What was the name of this woman's father? A Mingo.

Q Did he have any other name except Mingo? A None that I ever

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known of.

Q What was he, a freedman? A No, sir, he was a foreigner from somewhere.

Q Why she hasn't got a drop of any blood but African in her?

A Well I know but he wasn't a citizen here until he married, he was a man from the states.

Q You have evidently got this mixed up? A No I guess not, I don't think I have.

Q How long has this woman's mother been dead, do you know? A No sir, I don't know; well I will tell you, it is just as you say, I have got myself mixed up.

Q You evidently are tracing some other family. A She is a sister to them that was here before, and they were Stovers niggers.

Q What is the name of this woman's husband? A Steve Vann.

Q Well this woman, was she a Vann before she married Steve Vann?

A Well, I always called her Stover; the sister to them that was here before you before.

Q Do you know a half sister of this woman named Eliza? A Yes, sir.

Q What is her full name, Eliza what? A Well Eliza now is Eliza Gaines.

Q Well this woman and that woman, are they half sisters through the mother or through the father? A Well I don't know which.

Q You don't know whether they have got the same mother or not?

A No, sir.

Q Did you know this woman when she was a baby? A No, sir, I didn't know her when she was a baby, I knowed her when she was a small girl.

Q About how old? A She couldn't have been over five or six years old.

Q Where did you know her? A Up here where they lived, first time I knowed her.

Q Where was that? A That was up here on the creek west from Bluejacket I think.

Q In what year was that? A Well now, I can't tell you because I don't know.

Q Was this woman then living with her father and mother?

A No, sir.

Q Who was she living with? A She was there with her sisters, her mother was died when I first seen her.

Q Her mother you think was dead? A I think she was.

Q You don't know whether this woman came back to the Cherokee Nation with Eliza Gaines after the war? A Yes, sir.

Q How do you know that? A I seen her when she came back, she was little.

Q Where did you see her? A Down at Gibson is the first place I saw them.

Q You just now told me you first saw them up here about Bluejacket?

A Her home is up there; then they didn't have no home.

Q I asked you where you first knew this woman and you said up about Bluejacket? A No, I made a mistake there.

By J. S. Davenport, Cherokee attorney: Where did you see her when you saw her at Fort Gibson? A There in Gibson.

Q Who was she with? A Why with her sister, her sister Eliza.

Q What were they doing? A Washing ~~xxxx~~, Eliza was.

Q What was the girl doing? A Nothing, wasn't big enough.

Q For whom was she washing? A I don't know, I didn't live there.

Q Yet you remembered this girl then? A Yes, sir, I remembered the girl.

Q Distinctly? A Ask me something I can understand.

Q You recognize her as being the girl you saw down there in '86?

A Yes, sir.

Q And then undertake to swear here her father's name was Vann; didn't you start in here to swear her father's name was Vann?

A No, sir, I didn't.

Q Didn't you start in to swear her mother's name was Vann?

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A Yes, sir, because her mother belonged to Vann when she left from Stovers.

Q When did she leave Stovers? A I don't know.

Q What Stover did they belong to? A John Stover.

Q Where did he live at the time of his death? A I don't know.

Q Was he living in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q You are sure of that? A Yes, sir, living right down this side of Maysville.

Q Bill Stover is a son; did you know his boys before the war?

A No, I don't know anything about his boys.

Q Did he have any children? A Yes, sir.

Q And you don't remember any of their names? A No, not a child.

Q But you are positive this John Stover died in the Cherokee Nation? A I don't know where he died.

Q Didn't you say a short time ago he died here? A No, I didn't.

Q In fact, you don't know anything about John Stover? A Yes, I know where he used to live, been to his place.

Q Did John Stover come back to the Cherokee Nation after the war?

A I never saw him if he did.

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Commissioner: This will be filed as additional testimony in Cherokee Freedman case D-322, and reference is made to the case of Eliza Gaines, a half sister of the applicant, Freedman Doubtful D-289.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce C. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 20th of May, 1901.

Commissioner

Commissioner.



CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. D322

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Dewey Tann

and a citizen of

CHEROKEE Nation.

Approved:

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*W. B. Davis*  
ACTING COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Dewey Vann, born on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of February, 1898  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Steven Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Welch I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District. }

I, Mary Vann, on oath state that I am 42  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Stephen Vann, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of Feb, 1898; that said child has been  
named Dewey Vann, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

Geo E McCulloch

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District. }

I, Esther Holt, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Vann, wife of Stephen Vann,  
on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of February, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Dewey Vann by myself Esther Holt

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

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IN RE

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Elder Vance

as a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Allen Lane

as a citizen of the

State of Oregon

Nation.

Approved



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Notary Public for Oregon

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Elder Vann, born on the 24 day of March, 1902  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Steve Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Mary Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-Office: Sticks, S.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
Northern INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Lawrence District. }

I, Mary Vann, on oath state that I am 40  
 years of age and a citizen, by admission, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Steve Vann, who is a citizen, by  
admission, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
 (Male or female.)  
 born to me on the 24 day of March, 1902; that said child has been  
 named Elder Vann, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1902  
V. A. Harrison  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
Northern INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Lawrence District. }

I, Mary Gimmet, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Mary Vann, wife of Steve Vann,  
 on the 24 day of March, 1902; that there was born to her on said  
 date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (Male or female.)  
 named Elder Vann.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of September, 1902  
V. A. Harrison  
 Notary Public.



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, January 21st, 1903.

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In the matter of the application of )  
Steve Vann for the enrollment of him- )  
self and children, Fred, Ellen, Birt, )  
Walter, Fredonia, Elia and Elder Vann, )  
as Cherokee Freedmen. )  
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Supplemental to F-847.

Appearances:

Applicant appears in person.  
W. W. Hastings for Cherokee Nation.

Steve Vann, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. What is your name? A. Steve Vann.  
Q. How old are you? A. About 45.  
Q. What is your post office address? A. Welch.  
Q. You are the same Steve Vann who made application to the Commission on May 16th, 1901, to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedmen, are you? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Does your name appear upon the roll of 1880? A. I guess it does.  
Q. You applied at that time also for your wife and children, did you? A. No, sir; I made it for one child at the time.  
Q. Didn't you apply for the enrollment of your children when you applied for your own enrollment? A. I went before the Commission over here on the creek.  
Q. How many children have you? A. Seven.  
Q. Sven living? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What is the name of the oldest one? A. Ellen Vann.  
Q. That is the oldest one that is living? A. No, sir.  
Q. Fred is dead? A. Yes, sir. There is one older than that.  
Q. When did Fred die? A. A little over a year ago.  
Q. The oldest one at home with you is Ellen? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. She is your child? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. By whom? A. Mary Vann.  
Q. She is your wife? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. When were you married to Mary? A. I couldn't tell you when. I guess I was about 16 or 17. I was nothing but a kid when I married.  
Q. That was your first marriage? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. She is your first wife? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You are her first husband? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Ellen Vann is your child by your wife Mary? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Who is the next child? A. Birt.  
Q. Walter is dead? A. No, sir.  
Q. Isn't Walter dead? A. No, sir. If he died he had died since I left home.  
Q. Walter is living? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Is Fredonia living? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Elia? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Elder? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is Elder your youngest child? A. Elder is the youngest child.

Q. Are all these children your children? A. Yes, sir.

Q. All yours by this woman Mary? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Your wife? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who married you and your wife Mary? A. A fellow they called Jess Roe.

Q. Was he a preacher? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where were you married? A. On Big creek.

Q. How old is your wife Mary? A. I guess she is about 44 or 45, somewhere along there.

Q. You and your wife were separated at one time? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When was that? A. I couldn't tell you exactly when it was.

Q. How many children did you have at that time? A. Well, we had--lets see. Well, we had them all. Elia was the youngest one at that time.

Q. And she is now about 11 or 12? A. Yes, sir; something like that.

Q. Don't you know how long you were separated? A. No, sir.

Q. A year? A. Yes, it may have been a little over a year. May two or three years. I don't know. I couldn't say. I didn't pay much attention to it. I was here and she was at Muskogee.

Q. Then you went to living together again? A. Yes.

Q. How long have you been living together now continuously? A. I couldn't tell you. Might nigh four or five years.

Q. How many children have you had since you commenced living together this last time? A. Three.

Q. Since you commenced living together again? A. Elder is one, and Daisy.

Q. I thought you said Elder was the youngest child?

A. Elder is the youngest. Daisy is four or five years old.

Q. You didn't make any application for Daisy? A. Yes, I made application for her. That is by another man, when we separated.

Q. When you separated she had a child by another man?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Then Daisy is not your child? A. No, sir.

Q. Was it born ~~after~~ to your wife after you commenced living together? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You are sure about that? A. Yes, sir; sure about that. Born right down the street here.

Q. How long had you been living together before this child was born? A. About a year.

Q. Daisy and Elder; was there any more? A. There was another one but it died.

Q. Never has been enrolled by the Commission? A. No, sir; died just after the payment.

Q. You are certain Daisy isn't your child? A. Well, that is what she says.

Q. It ought to be? A. It ought to be. Of course I couldn't swear any of them was mine, all I got is her word for it.

Q. Is your wife here to-day? A. No, sir.

Q. Your wife is claiming citizenship by intermarriage, is she?

A. No, sir.

Q. These children have always lived with you, have they, Mr. Vann?

A. Yes, sir; always have.

Q. And living with you now? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did they continue to live with you while you and your wife were separated? A. Well, I had all the boys and she had the girls down there with her. They were little fellows then.

Q. When you commenced living together, then she brought them back? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You never got a marriage certificate, did you? A. No, sir; we didn't know what a certificate was them days when we was married.

Q. But you have lived with her and held her out as your wife all these years? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You have been recognized as her husband by everybody?

A. Yes, sir.

Examination by Mr. Hastings.

Q. Steve, were you living together when that payment was made in the spring of '97? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were you living together then? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were you living together when they took the Census in '96?

A. Why, yes; I guess we was.

Q. Well, I want you to think about it. I am trying to help you think when you and she commenced to live together the last time, what year it was. A. Yes, we was living together then.

Q. Did you apply for her at that time? A. For her?

Q. Yes. A. No, sir; she made her own papers. That is just how we come to be separated on there. Me and the children was together. She was on a doubtful and the children and me on the straight card.

Q. You don't claim Daisy? A. No, sir.

Q. You do claim Elder? A. Yes, sir.

Q. He was born in Vinita? A. Yes, sir; right down there in Mr. Skinner's house.

Q. How long had you been living with this woman when this child Daisy was born? A. Oh, we had been there something over a year, I guess.

Q. Where were you living when you and she commenced living together? A. Up on Big Cabin. After she come back from Muskogee I got a house on the coal beds and went to digging coal and stayed up there one summer and then moved down here and been here ever since until about three years ago, and three years ago I moved up there.

Jesse O. Carr, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1903.

*Jesse O. Carr*  
*Samuel H. Foreman*  
Notary Public.

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IN RE

THE DEATH OF

Fred Vann

a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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*[Signature]*  
Acting Clerk



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Fred Vann  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Welch, Ind. Ter., and died on the  
(Here insert name of post office)  
July 1901 day of

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Steve Vann, on oath state that I am 45  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my post office address is Welch Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
the father of Fred Vann  
(State relationship as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Fred Vann died on the  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
July 1901 day of

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of January 1903  
Simon R. Walkington  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Emanuel Epps, on oath state that I am 59  
years of age, and a citizen, by adoption of the United States Nation;  
that my post office address is Vinita Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
that I was personally acquainted with Fred Vann  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Fred Vann died on the  
(Here insert name of deceased)

June or July 1901 day of

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of January 1903  
Simon R. Walkington  
Notary Public.

*gml*

*A.M.*  
*J.H.D.*

Cherokee Freedmen D 322  
Cherokee Freedmen 847

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Dewey Vann as a Cherokee Freedman.

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O R D E R .

The records of this Commission show that on May 16, 1901, at Vinita, Indian Territory, application was made for the enrollment of one Dewey Vann as a Cherokee Freedman and that said Dewey Vann was listed for enrollment on Cherokee freedman Doubtful card No. 322.

The records of the Commission further show that one Steve Vann is the father of the applicant, Dewey Vann; that the said Steve Vann is identified on the Cherokee authenticated tribal roll of 1880, was listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, by this Commission, on Cherokee freedman card No. 847, and is included in a partial roll of Cherokee Freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior January 16, 1903, opposite No. 2040; and that the applicant, Dewey Vann, was born since 1896, has continuously lived in the Cherokee Nation since birth, and is duly identified by a birth affidavit filed May 18, 1901.

It is, therefore, ordered by this Commission that the enlistment for enrollment of Dewey Vann on Cherokee freedman Doubtful card No. 322, be cancelled, and that said applicant, Dewey Vann, be listed for enrollment on Cherokee Freedman card 847.

  
Commissioner

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this MAR 11 1905

C. F. B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Dugald Webber, et al., as Cherokee Freedmen, consolidating the applications of:

|                  |                   |       |
|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Dugald Webber    | Cherokee Freedmen | 12    |
| Ibbie Smith      | Cherokee Freedmen | 198,  |
| Lula Mackey,     | Cherokee Freedmen | 213,  |
| Luster Foreman   | Cherokee Freedmen | 405,  |
| Moses Thompson   | Cherokee Freedmen | 523,  |
| Walter Vann,     | Cherokee Freedmen | 657,  |
| Fred Vann,       | Cherokee Freedmen | 847,  |
| Sidney Rogers,   | Cherokee Freedmen | 955,  |
| Solomon Johnson, | Cherokee Freedmen | 1230, |
| Carrie Have,     | Cherokee Freedmen | 1314, |
| Jane Kernel,     | Cherokee Freedmen | 1359. |

-: D E C I S I O N :-

The records of this Commission show that applications were made to this Commission for the enrollment, as Cherokee Freedmen, of Dugald Webber, Ibbie Smith, Lula Mackey, Luster Foreman, Moses Thompson, Walter Vann, Fred Vann, Sidney Rogers, Solomon Johnson, Carrie Have and Jane Kernel.

The records further show that on October 3, 1903, this Commission rendered its decision enrolling Solomon Johnson, and on March 5, 1904, its decision enrolling Carrie Have, as Cherokee Freedmen:

The evidence shows that all the above named applicants died prior to September 1, 1902.

Section twenty-five of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), provides:

"The roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation shall be made as of September first, nineteen hundred and two, and the names of all persons then living and entitled to enrollment on that date shall be placed on said roll by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes."

It is, therefore, ordered that the petitioners calling Solomon Johnson and Carrie Lane as Cherokee freedmen, in so far as they affect the said Solomon Johnson and Carrie Lane, be, and the same are, hereby set aside; and it is further ordered that the applications for the enrollment of Donald Webster, Eddie Smith, Lela Mackey, Lester Yerman, Moses Thompson, Walter Vann, Fred Vann, Sidney Brown, Solomon Johnson, Carrie Lane and Jane Kernal, as Cherokee freedmen, be, and the same are, hereby dismissed, in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-five of the Act above cited.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

(Signed) John S. Fisher  
Commissioner.

(Signed) T. B. Wooten  
Assistant Commissioner.

(Signed) C. R. Breckinridge  
Commissioner.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this MAY 15 1906

COPY.

Cherokee Freedmen

No. 847.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 15, 1905.

Commissioner in Charge,

Cherokee Land Office,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of an order of the Commission dated March 11, 1905, transferring the enrollment of Dewey Vann from Cherokee Freedmen enrollment card No. D 322 to Cherokee Freedmen enrollment card No. 847, together with the name, notations and information to be made upon said Cherokee Freedmen enrollment card No. 847.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED). *Tams Bixby.*  
Chairman.

Incl. S-124.



COPY.

Cherokee Freedmen  
B-12 et al.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 13, 1905.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated May 13, 1905, dis-  
missing the applications for the enrollment of Dugald Webber et al.,  
as Cherokee freedmen.

Respectfully,

Incl. L-44.

SIGNED.

*Tamr Bixby.*  
Chairman.

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Cherokee Freedmen  
3-13 et al.

Hackagee, Indian Territory, May 13, 1908.

Ball, Hastings & Barnhart,

Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,

Hackagee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated May 13, 1908, dismissing the applications for the enrollment of Dugald Webster et al., as Cherokee freedmen.

Respectfully,

Incl. L-43.

ENDIS) *Tams Bixby*  
Chairman.

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Transcribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of May, 1901.

Before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the County of ... State of ...  
The following is a true and correct copy of the original of the foregoing  
document, as the same was presented to me for the purpose of being  
transcribed and sworn to, and the same is true and correct to the best of  
my knowledge and belief.

--- (Seal) ---

He will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee. He was  
born and named his name. This explains the existence of name.  
Christopher, Nancy Johnson, and to have been married with  
him in 1830. He has been living in the Cherokee Nation all his  
life. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life.  
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He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 16th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Seymour Johnson for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman said Johnson being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Seymour Johnson.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll, just yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A Well, about 23 or 24, I don't know which.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Why Illinois District, I am living up here though now.  
Q You claim Illinois as your home do you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been there all my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Cy Johnson.  
Q Is your father alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Sylvia Thompson.  
Q Is your mother alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q well, is your mother's name Thompson or Johnson? A Thompson.  
Q Have she and your father parted? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have they been parted? A I could not tell you exactly good while though.  
Q Did your father ever live in Tahlequah? A No, sir, not as I know of, I never stayed with him.  
Q Did you have a grandmother by the name of Thornton? A Yes, sir.  
Q what was her name? A Nancy Thornton.  
Q Did that grandmother bring you up? A She raised me.  
Q well now, who was in the family besides you? A Why Henrietta and Eunice and Johnnie.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of Freedman of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name identified thereon, page 590, #1922, Seymour Thornton, Illinois District.

- Q You drew strip money did you? A Yes, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 38, #982, Seymour Thornton, Illinois District.

- Q Now, who here knows that you were brought up by your grandmother Thornton? A My mother is here.

SYLVIA THOMPSON, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Sylvia Thompson.  
Q How old are you? A About 40 I reckon.  
Q what is your post office? A Fort Gibson, Illinois District.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my days.  
Q Is this your son here, Seymour Johnson? A Yes, sir, that is my son.  
Q Did you used to be married to a man by the name of Cy Johnson? A Yes, sir, Cy Johnson is his father.  
Q You and Cy Johnson parted, didn't you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long since you and Cy Johnson parted? A Been about, I guess ~~just about 22 years~~ he is about 22 years old.  
Q I ask you how long since you and Cy Johnson parted? A It has been about that long.  
Q And then who took him? A His grandmother.  
Q Who was his grandmother? A Nancy Thornton.  
Q Did she look after his enrolling? A Yes, sir.



Seymour Johnson, -- 2.

GOM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns-Clifton roll as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life. He is shown to have been brought up from his infancy by his grandmother, Nancy Thornton, and to have been enrolled with her and under her name. This explains the variation of name. He will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Sinscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 1901.

*A. Breckinridge*

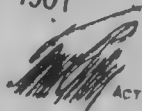
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 16. 1901.

Ft. Gibson  
Ill.

1. Name

Seymour Johnson

Age 28.

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1888

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No.

1922

District

Ill.

Parents:

Father

Seymour Johnson

Citizenship

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Mother

Silda Thompson

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Mr. 1. Seymour Johnson

Stenographer

Casson.

Mr. 1 on 1888 Dallas Seymour Thompson.  
 Mr. 1 on 1888 Grace Page 882. Seymour  
 Thompson Ill.

Document 2: The Commission

The Commission was established in 1996 to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of the late President of the United States, Ronald Reagan. The Commission was composed of members from both the executive and legislative branches of the federal government. The Commission's mandate was to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into the events of August 9, 1981, and to report its findings to the public. The Commission's report, released in 1997, concluded that the assassination of President Reagan was the result of a conspiracy involving several individuals, including John William Campbell, a member of the Commission. The Commission's findings were widely criticized, and the Commission itself was disbanded in 1998.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T., August 2, 1902.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS in the matter of the application of  
Seymour Johnson for enrollment as a Freedman citizen of the Cherokee  
Nation; Cherokee Freedman abstract, Serial Field No. 848.

Statement by the Commission.

From information given the Commission this day, the ap-  
plicant in this case is identified upon the 1896 census roll  
of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, Page 253, #375, Illinois  
District, as Sonora Fisher, appearing upon said roll with his  
half brothers and sisters.

  
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Commissioner.



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THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Has your father and mother been married for many years?  
Yes, they have been married for many years.  
How long have you been married?  
We have been married for many years.  
Have you any children?  
Yes, we have several children.

Comments: The applicant is identified on the roll  
of 1964 and on the roll of 1965 as a Special Agent.  
The list of names in the roll of 1964 and 1965 is  
the list of names in the roll of 1964 and 1965.

Some of the names listed in the roll of 1964 and 1965  
are the names of the Special Agents who were assigned to  
the Commission to the United States in 1964 and 1965.  
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the names of the Special Agents who were assigned to  
the Commission to the United States in 1964 and 1965.

Given to the applicant before the roll of 1964 and 1965.

Commissioner

Department of the Interior,  
Commission on to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rosa Coleman for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Rosa Coleman, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your name? A Rosa ~~sak~~ Davis.  
Q Who is it you want to apply for? A Myself.  
Q Anyone else? A I have a husband but he is not any citizen.  
Q How old are you? A I am 23.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Ever since

I was born.

Q All your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A William Davis.  
Q Is your father alive? A Yes, sir, he is alive.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Nannie Vann.  
Q Her name is Nannie Davis now? A No, sir.  
Q Is she alive? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A It will be 2 years in August.  
Q You have been married? A Yes, sir.  
Q To whom are you married? A George Coleman.  
Q Well your name now is Coleman? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you been married to George Coleman? A Two years.  
Q Is he a state man? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you a certificate of your marriage? A Yes, sir, but it is at home.  
Q Is there someone here who knows that you and he are living together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir.

Amy Bean, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your name? A Amy Bean.  
Q How old are you? A 45.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q How long have you lived at Vinita? A About 24 years, only about two or ~~xxx~~ three years ago I moved out.  
Q Do you know this applicant Rosa Coleman? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her name before she married? A Davis.  
Q Is she the daughter of William Davis and Nannie Davis? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of her husband? A George Coleman.  
Q About how long have they been married? A Well, sir, I don't know exactly just how long.  
Q They are living together now as husband and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was she ever married except to this man? A No, sir.

Rosa Coleman, recalled, testified:

Q What district were you in in your childhood? A Tahlequah.  
Q When did your father and mother separate? A I don't know, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 755, No. 650, Tahlequah district, as Rose Davis.  
The 1896 census rollof Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant not identified thereon.  
The Kerns-Clifton roll examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 148, No. 3667, Rosie Davis, Cooweescoowee district.  
Q Who were you with in 1880? A I don't know, sir.

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Q Has your father and mother separated? A Yes, sir, I guess so, they were not living together.

Q Who brought you up in your childhood? A My mother.

Q Mammie Jean? A Yes, sir, she was Mammie Hailstock then.

Commissioner: The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kame-clitten roll as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th of May 1901.

*W. McKinnore*

Commissioner.

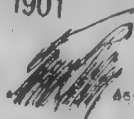
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

**CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.**

Date

Post Office

District

May 16. 1901  
Milton  
Ga.

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Stenographer

Wm. L. 1888 Grace and Rose Davis  
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Office of the Director of the National Bureau of Health, Washington, D.C. The Director of the National Bureau of Health has been directed to take immediate steps to provide adequate health care for all its people.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 10, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Dunk Vann for the enrollment of himself, wife and three children as Cherokee Freedmen. Dunk Vann being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Dunk Vann.
- Q Who is it you want to have put on the roll? A Myself and family.
- Q You have a wife? A Yes, sir.
- Q How many children you want to apply for? A Five.
- Q Are these five children all unmarried? A No, sir, two of them are married.
- Q That brings you down to three: these three, are they under 21 years of age? A Yes, sir.
- Q How old are you? A I guess I must be somewhere about 51 or '2.
- Q What is your post office? A Lenapah.
- Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.
- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Bred and born in the Cherokee Nation.
- Q Lived here all your life? A Yes, sir.
- Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.
- Q Give me the name of your father? A My father was named Jim Vann some called him Jim McNair.
- Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long has he been dead? A 12 or 13 years or longer.
- Q Give me the name of your mother? A My mother was named Patsy.
- Q Is she dead? A Dead, yes sir.
- Q How long has she been dead? A Must have been about 15 or 16 years.
- Q Give me the name of your wife? A My wife is named Chick Vann.
- Q How old is your wife? A She is about 50 I guess.
- Q When did you and she marry? A I don't know, it has been — the oldest child was born December 25, 1866.
- Q You had been married? A Yes, sir, a year before that, in 1865 when I married.
- Q Give me the name of her father? A Her father was named Jesse Vann.
- Q Is he alive? A No, sir, he is dead.
- Q How long has he been dead? A I think it must have been something over 12 or 15 years.
- Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Her mother was named Katie Vann.
- Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long has she been dead? A I guess it must be about 10 years I reckon or 12.
- Q Give me the names of these three children for whom you apply?
- A One that we call Eli Vann, aboy.
- Q How old is he? A About 18 years old I think.
- Q Give me the name of the next one? A Patsy Vann.
- Q How old is Patsy? A About 14.
- Q Give me the name of the next child? A He is named Watt.
- Q How old is Watt? A About 6, going on 7.
- Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir, they are all living.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon, as follows:

Dunk Vann on page 192, No. 3033, Cooweescoowee district, as Dunk Vann.

Chick Vann on page 192, No. 3034, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Dunk Vann - B.

Dunk Vann on page 422, No. 585, Cooweescoowee district;  
Chick Vann on page 422, No. 584, Cooweescoowee district, as  
Check Vann;  
Eli Vann on page 422, No. 585, Cooweescoowee district;  
Patsy Vann on page 422, No. 586, Cooweescoowee district, as  
Patsie Vann;  
Watt Vann on page 422, No. 587, Cooweescoowee district, as  
Watt S. Vann.

Commissioner The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and three children. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Q How long has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation? A She was bred and born here.

Q Lived here all her life? A Yes, sir.

The applicant's wife is identified with him on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The three children, Eli, Patsy, and Watt, are all minors, and are duly identified on the roll of 1896, they are all living, and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Brace C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Brace C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th of May, 1901.

*W. H. McMillen*

Commissioner



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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No. 1 or 2 1888 Race as Tank Vann.  
 " 1 " 1894 b- 422. Mr. 583 Cor. Dist.  
 " 2 " " " " 584. " Check Vann.  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ben Vann for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Ben Vann, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Ben Vann.  
Q Who is it you want to have enrolled? A Just myself I guess.  
Q How old are you? A Something about 26.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q In what district do you live? A I live in Delaware.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Ever since I was born.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Dunk Vann.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Chick Vann.  
Q She is alive, is she? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and applicant identified thereon, page 192, No. 3038, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 422, No. 592, Cooweescoowee district, as Benjamin Vann.

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Commissioner: The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th of May, 1901.

*W. H. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

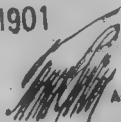


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

July 16/90-  
Vinita  
Del.

1. Name

Benn Vann

Age 26

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

3038

District

Del.

Parents:

Father

Frank Vann

a.

Citizenship

Del.

Mother

Chuck

a.

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

W. L. Vann  
1894 Del.

Stenographer

James  
p 422 No. 592. Benjamin

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 17th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Whitmire for the enrollment of herself, husband and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Sarah Whitmire.  
Q How old are you? A. 33 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Hayden.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Ocoee.  
Q Who is it you want to have enrolled? A. Myself and four children.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Andy Frye.  
Q Is your father dead? A. No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Millie Frye.  
Q Is she dead? A. No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A. Ethel J. Rogers.  
Q How old is that child? A. Born August 21st 1886.  
Q Next one? A. Ray Rogers, born September 25th 1888.  
Q Next one? A. Roy McK. Rogers, born April 21st 1896.  
Q What is the name of your last child? A. Fannie F. C. B. Whitmire.  
Q When was Fannie F. C. B. Whitmire born? A. October 18th 1900.  
Q Are these children all living now? A. Yes sir.  
Q You have been married have you? A. Yes sir.  
Q How many times? A. Twice.  
Q What was the name of your first husband? A. Isaac Rogers.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q When did you marry him? A. I cant tell you what year it was.  
Q About how long ago? A. About 16 years ago.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. He has been dead ever since the 21st of April, 1896.  
Q Then you married again? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who to? A. Joe Whitmire.  
Q Is he living now? A. Yes sir.  
Q When did you marry him? A. I disremember when.  
Q About how long ago was it? A. A year ago the 18th of last December.  
Q What is he, a colored man? A. Yes sir.  
Q State man? A. No sir a Cherokee citizen.  
Q Is he a recognized Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of his father? A. Dennis Whitmire.  
Q Is Dennis Whitmire living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your husband's mother? A. Sallie Whitmire.  
Q She is dead is she? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is there any one here that knows that you were married to your first husband Rogers? Also to your present husband? A. Yes sir.

DUNK VANN, called and sworn testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Dunk Vann.  
Q How old are you? A. 51 or 2.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Lenapah.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Bred and born here in this country.  
Q Do you know this applicant here? A. She used to be named Mrs. Rogers yes I know her.  
Q What is her name now? A. Whitmire.  
Q What is her given name? A. I dont recollect.  
Q What is her father's name? A. Andy Frye.  
Q What is her mother's name? A. Sarah, I think.  
Q This woman herself is named Sarah is she not? A. Yes sir that is so.  
Q She has been married how many times? A. Twice, Ike Rogers was her first husband and then she married this Whitmire man.  
Q Is her present husband's first name Joe? A. I dont know that.



Sarah Whitmire 2.

JOE WHITMIRE, called and sworn as a witness testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Joe Whitmire.  
Q How old are you? A. I don't know exactly.  
Q About how old? A. About 38.  
Q Are you the husband of this woman here? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment in any other Nation than the Cherokee Nation? A. No sir.  
Q Has your wife? A. No sir.  
Q How many children have you by this wife? A. One.  
Q She has children by her former husband? A. Yes sir.  
Q How many? A Three.

The 1880 roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:

Page 258, No. 1078, Sarah Frye, Delaware district.

Page 198, No. 3195, Joe Whitmire, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q Was your mother ever called Lucy? A. Yes sir.

The 1896 census roll examined and the name of the applicant examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:

Page 417 No. 477, Sarah Rogers, Cooweescoowee district.

Page 417 No. 478, Ethel Jane Rogers, "

Page 417 No. 479, Ray Rogers, "

Page 417, No. 480, William C. Rogers, "

STATEMENT BY THE APPLICANT: The boy Roy is called Roy McKinley .

By Commission of applicant:

- Q Do you want this child put down as Roy? A His real name is Roy McKinley

The 1896 roll examined and applicant's husband found as follows  
Page 426 No. 706, Joseph Whitmire, Cooweescoowee district.

Witness Joe Whitmire, recalled, examined by Commission:

- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.

By Com'r Breckinridge,--

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, her husband and four children; she is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her changes of name arising from marriage are established by satisfactory testimony. The applicant's husband is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Of the four children applies for, the first three are the applicant's children by her first husband, these children, Ethel J, Ray, and Roy Mc K. Rogers, are all identified on the census roll of 1896, they are living and will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedman. When the Commission is supplied with certificate of birth of the youngest child Fannie F. C. B. Whitmire, this child also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. This is a child of the last marriage.

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Serge Whitaker

That the above being sworn stated that he remembered to the  
Commissioner of the State of New York the following in full all the  
proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full,  
true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas. Whitaker*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 22d of May, 1901 at New  
York.

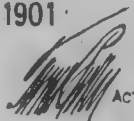
*Wm. H. Whitaker*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 17, 1901

Post Office

Hayden, ST.

District

Casswell Co. Co.

1. Name

Joe Whitmire

Age 28

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 3195

District

Coo

Parents:

Father

Dennis Whitmire (living)

Citizenship

Mother

Sallie (dead)

Citizenship

2X

Name of wife

Sarah Whitmire

Age 33

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 1078

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Andy Price Frye (living)

Citizenship

Mother

Millie (living)

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3X

Ethel J. Rogers

Year 1896

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Ray "

Year 1896

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Roy M. C.

Year 1896

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Abbie F. C. B. Whitmire

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Mr. Casson Meier

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Joseph Whitmire

no 2 on 1880 Roll

Sarah Frye

no 2 " 1896

" "

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no 477

Sarah Rogers

no 3 Coo 1896

" "

Ethel Jane Rogers

no 5 " 1896

" "

William C. Rogers

no 6 Birth affidavit required

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 852

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Fannie J. B. Whitmire

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved

MAY 17 1901

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Fannie F. C. B. Whitmire born on the 18 day of Feb., 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Joe Whitmire, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Whitmire, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Hayden, I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Sarah Whitmire, on oath state that I am 38.  
years of age and a citizen, by Friedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joe Whitmire, who is a citizen, by Friedman  
Citizen, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 18 day of Feb. 1900 that said child has been  
named Fannie F. C. B. Whitmire, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Sarah Whitmire

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1900.

My Commission Expires March 25, 1905

P. O. HAYDEN, I. T.

Wm. Madden, Jr.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Sallie Gault, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah Whitmire, wife of Joe Whitmire,  
on the 18 day of Feb., 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Fannie F. C. B. Whitmire

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Sallie Gault

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1900.

My Commission Expires March 25, 1905

P. O. HAYDEN, I. T.

Wm. Madden, Jr.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Cherokee 2779

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 2, 1903.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Departmental letter of January 15, approving schedule in quadruplicate of persons reported by this Commission to be entitled to enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen (numbers 2043 to 2749, inclusive).

Attention is, however, called to the fact that No. 2051 in that schedule appears as "Rogers, Ethel," while in the Commission's letter of December 8, 1902, transmitting this schedule, the name of No. 2051 appears as "Rogers, Ethel J." The Department requests to be advised as to the correct name of No. 2051.

The Commission has the honor to report that this name as it appears in the letter of transmission, Ethel J. Rogers, is correct.

The Commission respectfully recommends that the copies of this schedule retained by the Department and in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs be corrected so that the name of No. 2051 will appear thereon correctly as Ethel J. Rogers, and that this Commission be directed to make similar changes on the copies of the

schedule referred to it.

Respectfully,

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Acting Chairman

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Commissioner.

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Commissioner.

Through the  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen: In accordance with recommendation in your letter of the 2nd instant, you are hereby directed to change schedule of persons reported by your Commission to be entitled to enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen (Nos. 2043 to 2749, inclusive), so that the name as shown opposite No. 2051 thereon will appear as Ethel J. Rogers, instead of Ethel Rogers, as reported in your letter of December 8, 1902, transmitting said schedule.

The Department has corrected its copy of said schedule in accordance herewith, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs has been directed to make a similar change on the copy of the schedule on file in his office.

Respectfully,

(signed) Thos Ryan

Acting Secretary.



C O P Y .

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 9, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 31, 1905 (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12233-1905), and January 12, 1906 (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 236 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are enclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons. The number of the enrollment card on which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|----------|------------------|
| 1815     | 4503     | Robert Pettit    |
| 2922     | 7326     | Eliza A. Smith   |
| 3027     | 7507     | Joella Suagee    |
| 3931     | 9463     | Sarah A. Rowe    |
| 4200     | 10126    | Hugh Edward Ryrd |
| 4202     | 10138    | Burns Ladd       |
| 4219     | 24487    | Thomas Daniels   |
| 4220     | 10170    | Agnes Scullaw    |
| 4237     | 10450    | Jessie L. Jordan |

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.               |
|----------|----------|---------------------|
| 4241     | 10222    | Eva B. Johnson      |
| 4242     | 10240    | Joseph H. Bennett   |
| 4243     | 10425    | Mary Odell          |
| 4344     | 10443    | Betsy Tucker        |
| 4398     | 10805    | Hamie Francis Wells |
| 4404     | 10956    | Joseph D. Humil     |
| 4424     | 10618    | Lula M. McCaleb     |
| 4472     | 10719    | Dora Tate           |
| 4474     | 10726    | Lydia G. Thomas     |
| 4474     | 10727    | Mary Thomas         |
| 4567     | 10906    | William B. Martin   |
| 4612     | 11080    | Floyd McD Hess      |
| 9777     | 21969    | Harleton Shufeldt   |
| 10821    | 21237    | Ninnie McCartlin    |
| 10821    | 21242    | Stella Bixler       |

**Cherokee Freedmen.**

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.          |
|----------|----------|----------------|
| 652      | 2060     | Sarah Whitmire |
| 898      | 2167     | Lucian Downing |
| 978      | 2377     | Nancy Taylor   |

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), and October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12222-1905), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee Advocate" and "The Nowata Advertiser", both weekly newspapers of general circulation, the former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Nowata, Indian Territory, in the Recording District in which the above named

persons are shown to have resided at the time of their death, The first issue of this publication in "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 3, and the first issue in "The Nowata Advertiser" was on March 2, 1906. Attention was called to Section 31, of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that the Commissioner would, at the expiration of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known post-office advising the information received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said person as a citizen of the Cherokee nation.

No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1902, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs: that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the application for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

Encl. H. J. - All.

H. J. C.

Commissioner.

Through the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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LAND  
CHEROKEE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

C O P Y

August 22, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, 1906, forwarding affidavits as to the deaths of certain persons whose names appear on a partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Bixby refers to Departmental letters of May 21, (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1, (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, (I.T.D. 12222-1905), and January 12, (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 206 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the Department's instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with, and no information having been received that any of the persons enumerated in his report were living on September 1, 1902, he recommends that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and this Office and that he be authorized



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to strike their names from the copies of the approved partition rolls in his possession, and that the application for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits have been examined in this office, and are transmitted herewith, the office concurring in the Commissioner's recommendation.

Very respectfully ,

F. H. Loupp,

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, PHE.  
WASHINGTON.

I.T.D. 14712-1906.

August 29, 1906.

L.R.S.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you forwarded affidavits as to the deaths of 27 persons whose names appear on the approved rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation and recommended that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that you be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, you having complied with departmental instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons.

Reporting August 23, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs, and you are authorized to strike the names of said persons from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood

| Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|------------------|
| 4803     | Robert Pettit    |
| 7326     | Eliza A. Smith   |
| 7507     | Jwella Suagee    |
| 9483     | Sarah A. Rowe    |
| 10128    | Hugh Edward Byrd |

Cherokees by blood.

| Roll No. | Name.                |
|----------|----------------------|
| 10138    | Dana Ladd            |
| 24407    | Thomas Daniels       |
| 10170    | Agnes Sculland       |
| 10220    | Jessie L. Jordan     |
| 10222    | Eva E. Johnson       |
| 10209    | Joseph E. Bennett    |
| 10420    | Mary Odell           |
| 10442    | Peggy Tucker         |
| 10506    | Hammie Francis Wells |
| 10526    | Joseph D. Hamil      |
| 10618    | Eula H. McCaleb      |
| 10710    | Dora Tate            |
| 10720    | Lydia G. Thomas      |
| 10727    | Mary Thomas          |
| 10826    | William D. Martin    |
| 11000    | Floyd Mc D Ross      |
| 21900    | Marioneta Shufeldt   |
| 21237    | Minnie McCartlin     |
| 21242    | Stella Rixler        |

Cherokee Freedmen.

| Roll No. | Name.          |
|----------|----------------|
| 2080     | Sarah Whitmire |
| 2167     | Lucian Downing |
| 2377     | Nancy Taylor.  |

Respectfully,

Jesse H. Wilson

Assistant Secretary.

1 inclosure.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 12, 1901

Ethel J. Rogers,

Nowata, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of your letter of September 7, 1906, asking if your mother, Sarah Whitmire, deceased, is entitled to an allotment of land in the Cherokee Nation.

In reply you are advised that the records of this office show that affidavit has been filed evidencing the death of Sarah Whitmire on June 16, 1902.

Section 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 ( 32 Stat. 716), provides, in part, as follows:

"That no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any person, or to the heirs of any person, whose name is on said roll and who died prior to the first day of September, nineteen hundred and two."

Respectfully,

L M B

Commissioner

Cherokee.  
652.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 3, 1906.

Joe Whitmire,  
Hayden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of your wife, Sarah Whitmire, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that her name was stricken from the approved roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation and the application for her enrollment, dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior August 29, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Vinita, I. T. May 17th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Nelson Vann Rogers for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Nelson Vann Rogers.  
Q How old are you? A. About 23.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Goodies Bluff.  
Q In what district? A. Cooweescoowee.  
✓ Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Isaac Rogers.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. I dont know exactly.  
Q About how long? A. Ever since the Fort Gibson Payment, I dont know how long that has been  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Sallie Vann.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. I dont know.  
Q About how long? A I was a small fellow when she died?  
Q Are you a recognized Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A. I dont know if I am on the Dixon Pay roll.

The 1880 roll examined and applicant found as follows:  
Page 161 No. 2325, Nelson Vann Rogers, Cooweescoowee district

The 1896 census roll examined and applicant found as follows:  
Page 417 No. 481, Nelson Vann Rogers, Cooweescoowee district

By Com'r Breckinridge, - The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

" " " " "

Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 22d day of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*  
*C. R. Breckinridge*

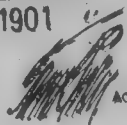
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

FILED  
MAY 17 1901



ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 17th 1901  
Coody's Bluff, ST  
Coos

1. Name

Nelson V. Rogers

Age

33

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

2325

District

Coos

Parents:

Father

Isaac Rogers (dead)

Citizenship

Mother

Sallie Vann (.)

Citizenship

Age

2. Name of wife

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

W. S. I.

Stenographer

Charles von Neise

1 Aug 1880 roll as Nelson Vann Rogers  
 14 1896 " Page 417 + 481 Nelson Vann Rogers as



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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Nelson V. Rogers  
a citizen of the  
freedman

Cherokee Nation.

Approved May 5 1905

SM

Commissioner.

May 5-1905

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Wilson A. Rogers  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Goodwin Bluff, Ind. Ter., and died on the 20 day of  
April, 1903.  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Goodwin Rogers, on oath state that I am 23  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is Wayden, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
brother of Wilson A. Rogers  
(State relationship; as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation  
 and that said Wilson A. Rogers died on the 20 day of  
April, 1903.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

### WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

William S. Madden  
Willie Davis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April, 1903.

Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, David Devica, on oath state that I am 27  
 years of age, and a citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is Wayden, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
 that I was personally acquainted with Wilson A. Rogers  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Wilson A. Rogers died on the 20 day of  
April, 1903.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

### WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

William S. Madden  
Willie Davis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April, 1903.

Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Vinita, I. T. May, 17th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Cooney Vann <sup>Rogers</sup> for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; she being sworn by Commissioner G. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Cooney Vann. Rogers  
Q How old are you? A. About 20.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Coodies Bluff.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Who is it that you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Isaac Rogers.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Sallie Vann.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has your father been dead? A. Ever since the Hayden payment  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A. Ever since I was a baby, I dont remember her.  
Q How is ~~her~~ name on the roll, as Rogers or Vann? A As Sallie Vann Rogers I think.

The 1880 roll examined and the name of the applicant's <sup>mother</sup> found as follows: Page 161 No. 2361, Sallie Vann Rogers, Cooweescoowee dist.

- Q Is there a Carrie Rogers in your family? A. No sir.  
Q Is Eddie the next child to you? A. Yes sir.

The 1896 census roll examined and applicant found there as follows  
Page 417 No. 482, Carrie Rogers, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q You are just older than Eddie? A. Yes sir I am the eldest.  
Q Was there a Carrie in your family? A. No sir.

By Com'r Breckinridge,--

The applicant is too young to be upon the roll of 1880 but ~~has~~ deceased mother is identified on that roll and he is identified on the rolls of 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. His mother has been identified as a Cherokee Freedman. A slight variation in the name is explained in a satisfactory manner and the applicant will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 22d day of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*  
*G. R. Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.



## Rogers.

**Rogers.**

- C. R. Breckinridge  
Commissioner.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED

MAY 17 1901



ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 17, 1901

Post Office

Cody Bluff, Ia.

District

C-1

1. Name Brody Vann Rogers Age 20

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1896

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No.

482

District

C-1

Parents:

Father

Isaac Rogers - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Sallie Vann - dead

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

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Application made by

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Stenographer

Geo. von Nasse

1 On 1896 roll as ~~Isaac~~ Rogers  
 Carrie

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 17th 1904.

In the matter of the application of Jennie Nelson for the enrollment of herself and six children as Cherokee Freedmen, she being sworn by Commissioner O. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Jennie Vann.  
Q How old are you? A. 38.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Lenepah.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Coweeseawee.  
Q What do you want to have enrolled? A. Myself and six children.  
Q Have you a husband? A. No sir he is dead.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Crockett Vann.  
Q Is he alive? A. No sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. Ever since I was little I dont know nothing about him.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Susan Bowles.  
Q After the death of your father she married again? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is she alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is she a recognized Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A. Zachariah B. Nelson.  
Q How old? A. 18.  
Q Next one? A. Cora F. Nelson.  
Q How old? A. 16.  
Q Next? A. Elizabeth R.  
Q How old? A. 14.  
Q Next? A. Eddie.  
Q How old? A. 11.  
Q Next? A. Lola M.  
Q How old? A. 4.  
Q Next? A. William McK.  
Q How old? A. 2.  
Q Are these children all living now? A. Yes sir.  
Q How many times have you been married? A. Once.  
Q To whom were you married? A. Edward Nelson.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. A year/last February.  
Q When did you marry him? A. In 1881.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A. No sir.  
Q Is there some one here that knows that you and he were married? A. Yes sir, Mr Vann over there does.

DUNK VANN called and sworn as a witness testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Dunk Vann.  
Q How old are you? A. 52.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Lenepah.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Do you know this applicant here? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is her name? A. Jennie Nelson.  
Q What was her name before she was married? A. Jennie Vann.  
Q What is the name of her husband? A. Edward Nelson, he is dead.  
Q Has she married since he died? A. No sir.  
Q He was a State man? A. Yes sir.  
Q They have a lot of children? A. Yes sir.  
Q About how many? A. I dont know, but a whole lot of them.  
Q Was she ever married before? A. No sir, not as I know of.  
Q How long had she been married to this man Nelson when he died? A. She married in '81.  
Q Did they lived together all that time? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. About two years.  
Q What is the applicant's mother's name? A. Susan Bowles now. She was Vann at first.

The 1880 roll examined and the name of the applicant identified as follows: Page 75, No. 416, Jimmie Bowles, Coweeseawee dist

Jennie Nelson 2.

The 1896 census roll examined and the name of the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Page 413, No. 390, Jennie Nelson, Comanche district.

Page 413, No. 391, Zack Nelson,

Page 413, No. 392, Gera Nelson,

Page 413, No. 393, Lizzie Nelson,

Page 413, No. 394, Eddie Nelson,

Page 413, No. 395, Lola (N) Nelson,

By Com'r Breckinridge,--

The applicant applies for herself and six children; her husband is dead and was a non citizen; the applicant is ~~examined~~ identified on the rolls of 1890 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, her change of name is established by satisfactory testimony and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Of her six children named in the testimony, the first five are duly identified with here on the roll of 1896 they are living, and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; when she files with the Commission a certificate of birth as to the youngest child William N.K., this child also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. All the children are of one marriage and named Nelson.

Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 22d of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

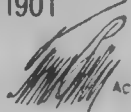
*Chas von Weise*  
*Commissioner*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 17, 1901

Post Office

Leopold G. T.

District

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1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Jimmie Nelson

Age 38

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No. 416

District

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Parents:

Father

Bracket Vann - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Susan Bowles - living

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|     |                     |           |          |         |           |    |
|-----|---------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|----|
| 2   | Jacobaria D. Nelson | Year 1896 | Page 413 | No. 391 | Dist. Coo | 18 |
| 3   | Bora F. "           | Year "    | Page 413 | No. 392 | Dist. "   | 16 |
| 4   | Elizabeth R. "      | Year "    | Page 413 | No. 393 | Dist. "   | 14 |
| 5   | Eddie "             | Year "    | Page 413 | No. 394 | Dist. "   | 11 |
| 6   | Lola M. "           | Year "    | Page 413 | No. 395 | Dist. "   | 4  |
| 7   | William McK. "      | Year —    | Page —   | No. —   | Dist. —   | 2  |
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| 11. |                     | Year      | Page     | No.     | Dist.     |    |
| 12. |                     | Year      | Page     | No.     | Dist.     |    |

Application made by

No. 1

Stenographer

Chas. von Weise

1 On 1896 roll as Jimmie Bowles  
 1 " 1896 " Page 413, 390 - Coo  
 2 " 1896 " as Jack Nelson  
 3 " 1896 " " Bora "  
 4 " 1896 " " Lizzie "  
 6 " 1896 " " Lola (M) "  
 7 off of birth, required.

9 - **CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.** 855.

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*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*William McK Nelson*

as a citizen of

**CHEROKEE.** Nation.

Approved.

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of William McK Nelson born on the 18 day of April, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Edward Nelson, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Jennie Nelson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Senapah I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Jennie Nelson, on oath state that I am 38  
years of age and a citizen, by Treaty, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Edward Nelson, who is a citizen, by  
of the U.S. Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 18 day of April, 1899; that said child has been  
named William McK Nelson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of July, 1901.

Wm E Twichell

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.

I, Katy Vann, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Jennie Nelson, wife of Edward Nelson,  
on the 18 day of April, 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named William McK Nelson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Sarah Twichell  
W E Twichell

her  
Katy & Vann  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of July, 1901.

Wm E Twichell

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OFZacharia B. Nelson  
a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

July 14 1905

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Zacharia D. Nelson  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Lenapah Ind. Ter., and died on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 1904  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern DISTRICT.

I, Jennie Nelson, on oath state that I am 42  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Lenapah Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the mother of Zacharia D. Nelson  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Zacharia D. Nelson died on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 1904  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
Jennie Nelson

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1905.

William H. Vann  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern DISTRICT.

I, Patsy Daniels, on oath state that I am 45  
years of age, and a citizen by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Lenapah Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Zacharia D. Nelson  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Zacharia D. Nelson died on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 1904  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
Patsy Daniels

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1905.

William H. Vann  
Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*William Mc K. Nelson*  
a citizen of the  
*Freedman*  
*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved *July 19* 1905

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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*July 19 1905*  
*[Signature]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of William McK. Nelson  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Lenape, Ind. Ter., and died on the 18 day of  
December, 1904  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Marion DISTRICT.

I, Fannie Nelson, on oath state that I am 42  
years of age and a citizen, by Frederick, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Lenape, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
mother of William McK. Nelson  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Frederick, of the Cherokee Nation  
and that said William McK. Nelson died on the 18 day of  
December, 1904  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of July, 1905.

Sam R. Wackipthell  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1905.

Notary Public.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Tahlequah, I. T., July 26, 1905.

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In the matter of the application of Jennie Nelson, for the enrollment of herself and children, Zacharia D., Gora F., ELIZABETH R., Eddie, Lola M., and William McK. Nelson, as Cherokee Freedmen. No. F-855.

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ELIZABETH R. ROBINSON, being duly sworn by Bert Van Leuven, a Notary Public, and examined on behalf of the Commissioner, testified as follows:-----

- Q What is your name?  
A Lizzie Robinson.  
Q You are enrolled as Elizabeth R. Nelson?  
A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name?  
A Jannie Nelson.  
Q What is your father's name?  
A Edward Nelson.  
Q Are you now married?  
A Yes sir.  
Q To whom?  
A George Robinson.  
Q How old is he?  
A 18 or 19.  
Q When were you married to him?  
A We was married in December sometime. I don't just know the date.  
Q Last December?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Before or after Christmas?  
A Before Christmas.  
Q About how much?  
A Just three or four days before Christmas.  
Q What is George Robinson's father's name?  
A Tom Robinson.  
Q What is his mother's name?  
A Lizzie Robinson.  
Q You are living together now?  
A Yes sir.

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Mary Risser Penick, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Mary Risser Penick*

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 26th day of July, 1905.

*[Signature]*

Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Wash., D. C., 17th May, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Ellen Brown for the enrollment of herself and four children as Cherokee Freedmen and for the enrollment of her husband as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage; She being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Ellen Brown.

Q How old are you? A. ~~48~~ *44*. *Q What is your post office? A. Umita*

Q In what district do you live? A. Coopers Cove.

Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Myself and four children.

Q Don't you apply for your husband? A. He is a state man.

Q He did not get out a ~~marriage~~ Cherokee license when he married you A. Yes sir.

Q When were you and he married? A. In '93.

Q He is living now is he? A. Yes sir.

Q Well you had better apply for him? A. Well.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.

Q Give me the name of your father? A. Dunk Vann.

Q Your father is alive is he? A. Yes sir.

Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Chick Vann.

Q Is she alive? A. Yes sir.

Q Give me the name of your husband? A. Samuel Brown.

Q How old is your husband? A. I don't know, sir, he will have 30 tell you that.

SAMUEL BROWN, called and sworn as a witness by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Samuel Brown.

Q How old are you? A. 48.

Q Are you the husband of this applicant here? A. Yes sir.

Q When were you and she married? A. In 1893 I believe.

The applicant presents a license issued by the Clerk of Coopers Cove district, March 30th 1893, authorizing marriage between himself and his wife as stated by her, and the certificate shows that they were united in marriage in accordance with said license on the 31st day of March of the same year by the Rev. Joseph Smith. This is filed herewith.

Q Where you ever married except to this wife? A. Yes sir.

Q How many times were you married? A. Once before this time.

Q To whom were you married then? A. To a state woman.

Q Give me her name? A. Julia Stoneham.

Q Where were you married to her? A. In Kansas.

Q When did you marry her? A. About 11 years ago.

Q Is she dead? A. No sir.

Q You and she parted? A. Yes sir.

Q Where did you separate from her? A. In Kansas.

Q Did you get a divorce? A. Yes sir.

Q Have you got a copy of the decree of divorce? A. No sir.

Q When did you and she separate? A. 9 years ago.

Q Did you get a divorce from her before you married this woman? A. Yes sir.

Q Where did you get your decree of divorce? A. Parsons Kansas.

Q Have you and this woman lived together ever since you and she were married? A. Yes sir.

Q And all that time in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.

APPLICANT recalled and examined by the Commission:

Q Were you ever married before you married this man? A. No sir.

Ellen Brown. 2.

- Q Give me the names of your four children? A. Annie E. Brown.  
Q How old is that child? A. 7 years old.  
Q The next child? A. May A. Brown.  
Q How old is that child? A. She is five.  
Q Next? A. The next one is named Bunk, born the 25th of September, 1897.  
Q ~~Next~~ What is the next one named? A. Charlie Brown.  
Q How old is Charlie? A. 14 months.  
Q These children are all living now are they? A. Yes sir.

SAMUEL BROWN recalled and examined by Commission:

- Q You are a state man are you? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant found thereon as follows:

Page 192, No. 3037, Ellen Vann, Cooweescoowee dist.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:

Page 397 No. 43, Ellen Brown, Cooweescoowee district.

Page 397, No. 44, Annie E. Brown, Cooweescoowee district.

Page 397, No. 45, Mary A. Brown, Cooweescoowee district.

By Com'r Breckinridge,-

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, husband and four children; the applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; her change of name arising from her marriage is established by a marriage license and certificate filed herewith; she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Of her four children named in the testimony, the first two are duly identified with her on the roll of 1896, these children are now living and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; when she supplies the Commission with proper certificates of the birth of the two younger children, Bunk and Charlie Brown, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. As for the application of her husband, he is shown to be a state man and to have married his wife under a Cherokee license in 1895. He is a colored man.

- Are you a man of African blood? A. Yes sir.  
No white blood in you? A. No sir.

It appears that the applicant was never married previous to this marriage and that her husband was married once prior to this marriage. He states that he and his first wife were divorced in Kansas, at Parsons, Kansas, prior to this marriage, but he is not able at this time to supply the Commission with a copy of the decree of divorce. He is not upon any roll, but to consider the question of his having acquired a citizenship by reason of his marriage under a Cherokee license, and also to await a copy of the decree of divorce from his first wife, he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage, on a doubtful card.

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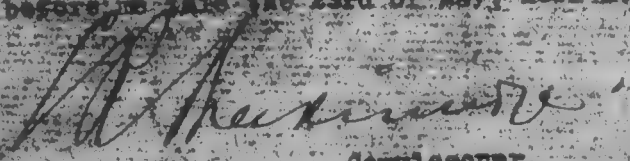
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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas. von Weise*



subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd of May, 1901 at  
Winona, I. T.

  
Commissioner.

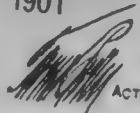
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *May 17, 1901*  
 Post Office *Vinita 29.*  
 District *600*

1. Name *Samuel Brown* Age *48*  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

## Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife *Ellen Brown* Age *28*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *192* No. *3037* District *600*

## Parents:

Father *Duncan Vann living* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother *Chick " living* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

## Names of Children:

2. *Amy E. Brown* Year *1846* Page *397* No. *44* Dist. *600* *7*

3. *Mary A. "* Year *"* Page *397* No. *45* Dist. *"* *8*

4. *Dick "* Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ *3*

5. *Charlie "* Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ *1*

7. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by *Mrs. J. E. 2* Stenographer *Chas. von Weise*

1 On 1880 roll as *Ellen Vann*  
 1 " 1846 " Page 397 #43 *600*  
 3 " 1846 " as *Mary A Brown*  
 4 and 5 - aff. of birth required.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 806

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Dunk Brown

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved MAY 17 1901 190

*W. H. Harrison*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*W. H. Harrison*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Hunk Brown, born on the 25 day of Sept, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Samuel Brown, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Ellen Brown, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita Indian

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Ellen Brown, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Samuel Brown, who is a citizen, by  
of the U. S. Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 25 day of Sept, 1897; that said child has been  
named Hunk Brown, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Mary Hardin, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Ellen Brown, wife of Samuel Brown  
on the 20th day of Sept, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Hunk Brown.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Lehardie Brown*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Charlie Brown, born on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1900.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Samuel Brown, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Ellen Brown, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vienna I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Vienna District.

I, Ellen Brown, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Samuel Brown, who is a citizen, by  
of the U.S. Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Feb - 1900 that said child has been  
named Charlie Brown, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Vienna District.

I, Samuel Brown, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Ellen Brown, wife of Samuel Brown  
on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Charlie Brown.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of May, 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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1. I am a student of the University of California, Los Angeles, and I am currently enrolled in the course of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Department of Psychology.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various positions in the Department of the Interior, under the act of March 3, 1879, entitled "An Act to provide for the better management of the public lands, and for other purposes."

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Vinita, I. T. May 17th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mariah Whitmire for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen: She being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Mariah Whitmire.  
Q How old are you? A. Well I dont know I was 11 years old when the war broke out.  
Q You are about 51 or 2 then at this time? A. Yes sir I guess so, you can tell more than I can.  
Q What is your post office? A. Wymer.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Wo ia it you wish to have put on the rolls? A. I has got my children.  
Q How many have you that are under age? A. Two.  
Q Have you a husband? A. No sir I is a widow—a grass widow  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Been bred and born in here.  
Q You have lived here then all your life? A. Yes sir except time of the war.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. George Landrum  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. About 12 years, I guess.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Peggy.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q When did she die? A. Time of the war.  
Q Give me the names of your two children? A. Mandie Whitmire  
Q How old is that child? A. 14.  
Q Next child? A. Elmar.  
Q How old? A. 11.  
Q Are these children both livi g now? A. Yes sir.  
Q You have been married have you? A. Yes sir.  
Q How many times? A. Once.  
Q Give me the name of your husband? A. Leivs Vanderfoot.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A. No sir.  
Q What was he? A. He came from Tennessee  
Q State man? A. Yes sir.  
Q Colored man? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is he living now? A. Yes sir.  
Q When did you marry him? A. 5 or 6 years ago. We have quit about 4 years ago.  
Q Were you ever married before you married this man? A. Yes sir my first husband before I married this one.  
Q What was your first husband's name? A. Little Mose Whitmire.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q When were you and Mose Whitmire married? A. We was married time of the war.  
Q Was he a Cherokee freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. 15 years.  
Q Is there some one her that knows that you have been married to this man? A. Yes sir.

LUSTER FOREMAN called and sworn as a witness by Com'r C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Luster Foreman.  
Q How old are you? A. About 58 or 60.  
Q What is your post office? A. Vinita.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant? A. Yes sir.  
Q By what name does she go by? A. Mariah Vanderfoot.  
Q What was her first husband's name? A. Little Mose Whitmire  
Q What was her name before she married at all? A I dont know  
Q Did you know her father? A. Yes sir.  
Q What was his name? A. George Landrum.  
Q Did you know her mother? A. No sir her mother is said r



Martin Whitmire. 2.

to have died a long time ago.

Q When did you get acquainted with George Landrum? A. In '67.

Q What time in '67? A Long in the summer.

The 1880 roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 193, No. 3178, Mariah Whitmire, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 426 No. 693, Mariah Whitmire, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 426, No. 696, Maude Whitmire, Cooweescoowee district  
Page 426, No. 697, Elma Lassley Whitmire, Cooweescoowee dist.

Q Do you want this child put down as Elmar? A. Yes sir.

Q Dont want the middle name down? A. No sir that is after its daddy, I just want it named after me.

By Com'r Breckinridge, The applicant applies for herself and two children; she is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; she states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life except for a brief period during the war; her change of name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory manner, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her two children, are duly identified with her on the roll of 1896, they are living and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes.

*Chas von Weise*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd of May, 1901 at  
Vinita, I. T.

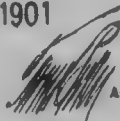
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Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 17, 1901

Post Office

Wimer, S.C.

District

Cov

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

11. Name of wife Maria Whitnir Age 5-1

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1896 Page 198 No. 3178 District Cov

Parents:

Father Mrs. Landrum - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Peggy " - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2. Maudie Whitnir Year 1896 Page 426 No. 696 Dist. Cov 14

3. Oliver " Year " Page 426 No. 697 Dist. " 11

5. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by

Ms. 1

Stenographer

Chas. W. L. Rice

1. Our roll as Mariah Whitnir - Cov

1 " 1896 " Page 426 #693 Mariah Whitnir

2 " 1896 " as Maudie Whitnir

3 " 1896 " " Chas. Lacey "

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., January 24, 1905.

In the matter of the application of Maria Whitmire for the enrollment of herself and children, Maudie and Elmer Whitmire as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Maria Tucker, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Maria Tucker.  
Q How old are you? A 53 I guess.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vimer.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes'm.  
Q Was your name Maria Whitmire before you married again? A Yes'm.  
Q What is the name of your present husband? A William Tucker.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freedman? A Yes'm.  
Q When were you married? A The last of July, 1904.  
Q Do you know the day? A No, it was the last week in July.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes'm.
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I, May H<sup>u</sup>dson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of January, 1905.

Samuel Forman  
Notary Public.

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described and shown to persons on the 30th day of May, 1961.

Notes furnished.

Regarding the Civil Case and correct transcription of the stenographic record the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the to the Commission of the Civil Division, which is corrected by the The undersigned, Philip H. Brown, states that he attended the

Statement.

This child also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Certificate of birth of the youngest child, Reed Gibson, is Cherokee Freedmen. When the subject of the Commission with both given the living she then will be listed for enrollment with her Gibson. She is identified with her on the Karna Gibson. As for her three children, the two older, Clifford and a sister, she was never married to her mother's Cherokee. She makes no objection for her husband and the testimony that she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedmen. Starting from marriage is established in a certificate of name in the Cherokee Nation roll, her name change of name the Karna Gibson roll as a Cherokee Freedmen. She has lived three children. She is identified on the 1880 roll and on

The subject applies for the enrollment of herself and

Page 18, No. 442, Roy Gibson, Commissioner District.  
Page 18, No. 444, Clifford Gibson, Commissioner District.  
Page 18, No. 443, Reed Gibson, Commissioner District.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, I. T., May 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Susie Gibson for the enrollment of herself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Susie Gibson.  
Q How old are you? A I am thirty.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Miami.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Who is it you want to put on the roll; anybody besides yourself?  
A My children.  
Q How many children? A Three.  
Q Have you a husband? Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to apply for him? A No sir.  
Q Why not, is he a state man? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been married to you? A I don't know about ten or eleven years.  
Q Did he get out a Cherokee license when he married you? A That wasn't making them out when we married.  
Q Did he get it out or not? A No sir.  
Q Then you make no claim for him? A No sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Mose Whitmire.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead, about fifteen years, hasn't he?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Maria Whitmire.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir, she was just here.  
Q Was that your mother who enrolled just now? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the names of your three children? A The oldest one is Clifford Gibson.  
Q How old is that child? A He is going on nine.  
Q The name of the next child? A Boy Gibson.  
Q How old is that child? A Seven.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Reed Gibson.  
Q How old is that child? A Four.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes sir.  
Q How many times have you been married? A Once.  
Q To whom were you married? A Mose Gibson.

Helen Whitmire, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C.R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Helen Whitmire.  
Q How old are you? A 25.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Wimer.  
Q Are you a sister of this woman here, Susie? A Yes sir.  
Q She is married, is she? A Yes sir.  
Q To whom is she married? A To Mose Gibson.  
Q Was she ever married except to this man? A No sir.  
Q About how long have they been married? A I don't know; about ten or eleven.  
Q Have they lived together ever since they were married? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 128, No. 3181, Susan Whitmire, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 census roll examined and the name of the applicant is not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw strip money? A Yes sir.

The Kerna Clifton Roll examined and the names of the applicant and her two older children are identified thereon as follows:

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Page 12, No. 473, Susan Gibson, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 13, No. 474, Clifford Gibson, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 13, No. 475, Hoy Gibson, Cooweescoowee District.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and three children. She is identified on the 1880 roll and on the Kerns Clifton Roll as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and her change of name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory manner. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. She makes no application for her husband and she testifies that he is a state man and was never married to her under a Cherokee license. As for her three children, the two older, Clifford and Hoy Gibson are identified with her on the Kerns Clifton Roll; they are living and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. When she supplies the Commission with certificate of birth of the youngest child, Reed Gibson, this child also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of May, 1901.

*E. J. Doherty*  
*W. H. Kinnick*  
Commissioner.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Reed Wilson*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

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*W. H. McQuinn*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Red Gibson, born on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Mose Gibson, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Susie Gibson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Wimer I T

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }

INDIAN TERRITORY, }

North District, }

I, Susie Gibson, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Mose Gibson, who is a citizen, by  
W.S., of the United States Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1897, that said child has been  
named Red Gibson, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Susie GibsonSubscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.J. P. Blidsoe

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## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }

INDIAN TERRITORY, }

North District, }

I, Maria Whitwine, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Susie Gibson, wife of Mose Gibson,  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1897, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Red Gibson.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Benjamin Noel  
Mollie WhitwineMaria Whitwine  
markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.J. P. Blidsoe

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The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, regarding the land owned by the United States in the State of California:

FOOTNOTES

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, I. T., May 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Helen Whitmire for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedman; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Helen Whitmire.  
Q How old are you? A 25.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Wimar.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll; just yourself? A I got one child.  
Q Just yourself and one child? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Moses Whitmire.  
Q He is dead, is he? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Maria Whitmire.  
Q She is alive, is she? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A Iva Ward.  
Q How old is the child? A Nine years old.  
Q Is your name Whitmire at this time? A Yes sir, it is now.  
Q You have been married? A Yes, I have been married.  
Q To whom were you married? A George Ward.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You are not living with him now? A No sir.  
Q When did you marry him, how long ago? A It has been about - I don't know how long its been.  
Q Has it been ten years? A I guess it has.  
Q How long have you and he been parted? A We have been parted over seven years now.  
Q Did you get a divorce? A He is married again.  
Q But he never got a divorce out of the Court? A No sir.  
Q Did they ever call you Eliza? A Yes sir, on the rolls.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 198, No. 3183, Eliza Whitmire, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1898 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants ~~are~~ not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you draw strip money for the child? A No sir, they misplaced its name, I guess.

The Kerns Clifton Roll examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 19, No. 477, Ellen or Eliza Whitmire, Cooweescoowee District. Her child is not identified on said roll.

Maria Whitmire, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Maria Whitmire.  
Q How old are you? A I was 11 years old when the war broke out.  
Q Is this woman here, your daughter? A Yes sir.  
Q Has she been married? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her husband's name? A George Ward.  
Q Have they separated? A Yes sir.  
Q Has this woman got a child? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the child's name? A Iva.  
Q Is that a child of that marriage? A Yes sir.  
Q Was your daughter here ever called by any other name except Helen? A Helen Ward.  
Q Any other given name? A Helen Whitmire.  
Q I am talking to you about her given name. Was she called Jane or Mary? A Her name is Eliza May Helen.  
Q She was called Eliza? A Yes sir.  
Q Is this child, Iva Ward, living now? A Yes sir.  
Q Is that the natural child of this daughter? A Yes sir, right at my house now.



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The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and one child. She is identified on the 1880 roll and on the Henry Clinton Roll as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her child, Iva Ward, is not upon any roll. It is the child of her marriage which the applicant contracted some years ago. She and her husband, it appears, lived together about three years, and then parted. The child is said to be nine years of age. When the Commission is applied with a certificate of its birth, this child also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. It is shown by the testimony of the applicant and of her mother to be the child of the marriage referred to. The applicant resumed her maiden name after she and her husband separated.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of May, 1901.

*G. Rothberger*  
*W. H. H. H. H.*  
Commissioner.

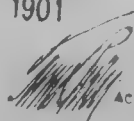
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *May 17, 1901*  
 Post Office *J. Wimer, S.F.*  
 District *Bonnescorive*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife *Ellen Whitman* Age *25*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *198* No. *3183* District *Coos*

Parents:

Father *Moses Whitman - dead* Citizenship *Cher. Freedman*

Mother *Maria " - living* Citizenship *" "*

Names of Children:

2. *Ira Ward* Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. *9*

1. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by *Mo. 1* Stenographer *Ch. Rothberger*

1. *Call Roll as Eliza Whitman*

1. *R.C. " Page 19 \* 477 - Ellen or Eliza Whitman*

2. *aff. of birth to be supplied.*

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Iva Ward

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved

MAY 17 1901

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*Chickamauga*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation,  
of Ira Ward, born on the 11 day of January, 1892  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: George Ward, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Helen Whitmire, citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Wimer LT

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern

District.

I, Helen Whitmire, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of George Ward, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 11 day of January, 1892 that said child has been  
named Ira Ward, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Helen Whitmire

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of May, 1901.

J. P. Blodsoe

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AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern

District.

I, Maria Whitmire, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Helen Whitmire, wife of George Ward,  
on the 11 day of January, 1892 that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Ira Ward

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Maria Whitmire  
mark

Dave Stone

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of May, 1901.

J. P. Blodsoe

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DOUBTFUL as to Applicant:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jack McConnell for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage, and for the enrollment of his two children as Cherokee Freedmen; said McConnell being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Jack McConnell.  
Q How old are you? A About 46.  
Q What is your post office? A Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A Coowee coowee.  
Q What is it you want to ~~book~~ have put on the roll besides yourself?  
A Me and a couple of children; me and the old lady is separated:  
Q Just yourself and two children? A Yes, sir.  
Q You say you and your wife have separated? A Yes, sir.  
Q You don't make any application for her? A No, sir.  
Q Do you know whether she applied for the children when she applied for herself? A She wrote to me and said she hadn't.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have lived there 14 or 15 years.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Are you on any roll of the Cherokee Nation? A I guess not.  
Q Were you born in the Cherokee Nation? A State-raised.  
Q Did you marry your wife under a Cherokee license? A Yes, sir; she taken the license and I brought the preacher here.  
Q When did you marry your wife? A '90 I think, the year '90.  
Q Where did you get out your license? A Spring Creek of Bob Adair.  
Q In what district? A Saline.  
Q Did you get signers before you got your license? A Yes, sir, ten signers.  
Q Give me the name of this woman you married? A Gollie Harlin.  
Q When did you and your wife separate? A It has been five or six years ago.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Bass Harlin.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir; he was the last account I had.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A I could not tell you I never seen her; I think her name is Violet.  
Q Did you get a divorce from your wife? A No, sir.  
Q Well, how did you happen to leave her? A She quit the place, she left me.  
Q Well, give me some of the circumstances so that I can tell who was to blame for it? A I guess she was to blame, she says she was; got tired of staying and was not satisfied on the prairie.  
Q Did you stay at the home where you and she lived? A Yes, sir, I have been there ever since.  
Q That is the same home you lived before she left you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where did she go? A She first went to Fort Gibson and from Gib on down to Fourteen Mile Creek.  
Q And she has stayed away ever since I suppose? A Yes sir.  
Q Are the children with her? A With me.  
Q Give me the names of these children? A Violet and Parlie.  
Q How old is Violet? A She is 11 years old in July.  
Q How old is Pearlle? A Nine years old.  
Q Has your wife any other children? A She has got two or three, she had two or three since she left home. I don't know anything about them.  
Q Do you know a child named Elnora McConnell? A No, she had one Bert, Bertie I think she called it; had three I don't know anything about.  
Q Hasn't your wife a child born about the time you and she separated? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of that child?  
A Bertie I think.  
Q Where is that child? A It is with her.  
Q Were you ever married except to this woman? A I was married in the states.

Jack McConnell, et al.--3.

- Q How many times? A Once.  
Q Was that wife dead when you married this woman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was this woman ever married before she married you? A I think not.  
Q Have you married since this woman left you? A No, sir.  
Q You haven't taken up with any other woman as husband and wife?  
A No, sir.  
Q Who is there here knows that you and this woman were living together? A Yes, sir.  
Q You say the preacher is here? A Yes, sir.

JOE ROOS, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give your name please? A Joe Ross.  
Q How old are you? A About 50.  
Q What is your post office? A Chouteau.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a Minister of the Gospel? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know this applicant here? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A I have been knowing him about 14 years.  
Q Do you know a wife that he once lived with and does not live with now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me her name? A Name was Sallie Harlin.  
Q Whose daughter was she? A Bass Harlin.  
Q What was the name of her mother? A I don't know her mother.  
Q You don't know whether her mother is alive or dead, do you?  
A No, sir; I do not.  
Q Did you marry this man and that woman? Yes, sir.  
Q You performed the ceremony? A Yes, sir.  
Q About how long ago? A About 13 yeats to my best knowledge.  
Q How long did they live together as husband and wife?  
A They lived together about five or six years to my knowledge after I married them; I lived in about six or eight miles of them.  
Q Are you living now near where this man lives? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has he any children that were the children of that woman?  
A Yes, sir, two children, two girls.  
Q Do you remember their names? A No, sir.  
Q But he has got two girls? A Yes, sir; one of them was at my house yesterday.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedman of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife identified thereon, page 768, #1016, Sally Harlin, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 Census Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's former wife and names of his children found thereon:

Page 955, #370, Sallie McCormell, Illinois District.  
Page 955, #371, Violet McCormell, Illinois District.  
Page 955, #382, Perley McCormell, Illinois District.

JACK MCCONNELL, the applicant, re-called:

- Q These children are both living now are they? A Yes, sir.  
Q You are not on any roll yourself? A No, sir.

BY J. S. DAVENPORT, Cherokee Representative:

- Q Are you applying for yourself? A Not more then; yes, sir, that is what I brought this preacher along for, he saw the license.  
Q Where have you been living, Jack, for the last few years?  
A Right where.  
Q Right what? A Where she left the place.  
Q Where were you living when she left you? A About three miles and a half west of Chouteau.

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Q In Saline District? A In Coowagescoowee.

Q Have you been living in Coowagescoowee district for the last three years? A Yes, sir; that is a man right there.

Q Well, you say you haven't any other woman you are living with now? A No, sir.

Q What did you do with that woman you have been staying with over there at Fayetteville, Arkansas, for the last years and a half?

A I haven't been back to Fayetteville in seven or eight years.

Q Been seven or eight years since you had that wife over at Fayetteville? A I never had one there then.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and two children: He states that he was married to his wife, a Cherokee Freedman in 1890 under a Cherokee license, but he is not able to produce the license at this time. He states that he was married once previously but that his former wife was dead when he married his present wife through whom he now claims, and he claims that his present wife was never married prior to her marriage to him. He makes no claim to right of enrollment except by intermarriage. He will be listed for enrollment on a doubtful card as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage for the further consideration of his application when he may produce official evidence of the marriage license and certificate to which he has referred. His wife to whom he refers in the testimony has been enrolled upon Freedman card #267 and she is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896. It should also be considered in connection of this case with that the applicant and his wife separated some five or six years ago. Her testimony in the case referred to makes it a longer period, some eight years. The applicant claims that his wife left him and that he has continued ever since she left him to live on the place he and she had formerly occupied.

The two children for whom application is made, Violet and Parlie McConnell, are duly identified on the roll of 1896 and they are living at this time. The fact of the marriage of the mother of these children to the applicant is established by his own and other personal testimony, and these two children will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

J. S. DAVENPORT: The Representatives of the Cherokee Nation protest under Section 659 of the compiled laws of the Cherokee Nation, 1892, against the enrollment of the applicant as an intermarried Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 1901.

*C. H. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 17/91

Post Office

Mountain St.

District

Lawrenceville

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

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Application made by

Jack McConnell (father)

Stenographer

J. Ross

1 On 1896 roll as

Violet McConnell

Perley

2 " 1896 " "

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
AUXILIARY CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 22, 1905.

In the matter of the allotment of land to Violet and Pearlle McConnell, minors, Cherokee Freedmen Card No. 860, Approved Roll Nos. 2078 and 2079L

Jack McConnell, non-citizen father, being sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the commission:

- Q What is your name? A Jack McConnell.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 54 I guess .  
Q What is your post office? A Choteau, Indian Territory.  
Q Do you claim any rights in the Cherokee Nation? A No I am a state man.  
Q You are a citizen of the United States are you? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your object in appearing at the Land Office today?  
A To designate land as an allotment for my two minor children Violet and Pearlle McConnell.  
Q What is the name of their mother? A Sallie McConnell.  
Q Is she living? A She was last fall.  
Q Is she not living with you? A No sir.  
Q Have you been divorced? A No sir.  
Q Who owned her when she was a slave? A I cannot tell. Bass Holland was her father and believe she belonged to him.  
Q How long have you been separated from your wife? A 7 or 8 years.  
Q Has she ever had anything to do with the children since she was separated from you? A No sir.  
Q Children living with you at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q Has your wife seen the children since she left you? A Once, I think  
Q Never visited them? A No sir.  
Q Has abandoned them entirely? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you had the continuous care and custody of these children for seven or eight years, since their mother left them? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you land selected which you want allotted to them? A Yes sir.  
Q Are the lands you want allotted to them improved? A Yes sir.  
Q Are the children living on these lands at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q Do the lands lay west of Grand river? A Lay kind a southwest of Choteau, above Wagener, and west of Grand river.  
Q Has any one been appointed guardian by the Court of the United States for the children? A No sir.  
Q Is this the first application to file on lands that has been made?  
A Yes sir.

WITNESS EXCUSED.

Blanch Ashton upon oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she accurately recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is a correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of March, 1905.

  
Notary Public.

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COMMISSION TO THE UNLAWFUL TRIBES.

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REJECTED, as to Wife, Sophia:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Whitmire for the enrollment of himself and his wife, SOPHIA, as Cherokee Freedmen; said Whitmire being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your name A William Whitmire.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your post office? A Wimer.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll, just yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q Anybody else; are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your wife A Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Why don't you apply for her? A All right.  
Q Have you any children? A No, sir.  
Q You apply then for yourself and wife if you have no objection?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment in any other tribe or Nation?  
A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Mose Whitmire.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Mariah.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A Sophia.  
Q Does your wife claim to be a Cherokee Freedman of her own right you say? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your wife's name when you married her? A Rowe.  
Q Give me the name of her mother? A Lila.  
Q Lila Rowe? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your wife's mother ~~is~~ alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is your wife? A 18 years old.  
Q When were you and she married? A In March.  
Q This last March? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is there anybody here that knows that you and she are married?  
A Yes, sir, my mother.

MARIAH WHITMIRE, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your name? A Mariah Whitmire.  
Q You were born 11 years before the war broke out, wasn't you?  
A I was 11 years old when the war broke out.  
Q What is your post office? A Wimer.  
Q Is this applicant here your son? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of his wife? A Sophia Rowe.  
Q How long have they been married? A Married 24th of March.  
Q This last March? A Yes sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon page 198 #3186, Willie Whitmire, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 Census Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 426, #695, Willie Whitmire, Cooweescoowee District/

WILLIAM WHITMIRE, the Applicant, re-called:

Q Has your wife any sisters older than she, or brothers?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q What are their names? A George, Eddie, was the oldest.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Eddie Rowe and George Row? A George, he is Ward.

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- Q I am talking about her brothers and sisters? A That is her brother, but he is just a half brother.  
Q This Lila Rowe has she got any children older than your wife?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me their names? A Eddie and George.  
Q Anybody else? A Hattie.  
Q Are they all called Rowe? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant's wife's mother not found thereon.

The 1896 Census Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife's name not found thereon.

- Q Did your wife draw Cherokee strip money? A No, sir.  
Q Is she on any roll? A Yes, sir.  
Q On what roll is she? A On the Wallace roll I think.

The Wallace Roll of freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant's wife not found thereon.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and his wife. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

He states that his wife is a Cherokee Freedman of her own right, but she is not identified upon the Wallace roll or the 1880 roll, the roll of 1896 or the Kerns-Clifton roll. She is too young to be identified upon the roll of 1880, and her mother is not identified upon that roll. She is not considered to be entitled to enrollment of her own right and having married in the month of March of the present year, she is not considered under any theory to have acquired the right of enrollment by intermarriage to the applicant and the application for her enrollment is rejected.

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*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 1901.

*W. H. Breckinridge*

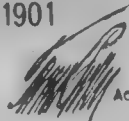
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *May 17 1911*  
 Post Office *Winnier St.*  
 District *Crowscower*  
 Age *2*

1. Name *William Whitwire*

Owner's name

Year *1898* Page *198* No. *3/86* District *600.*

Parents:

Father *Mrs. Whitwire - dead* Citizenship

Mother *Maria " - living* Citizenship

2. Name of wife *Lizzie Whitwire* Age *18*

Owner's name Citizenship

Year Page No. District

Parents:

Father Citizenship

Mother *Lilah Rose - living* Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by *W.D.* Stenographer *J. P. Person*

*On 1898 roll as Willie Whitwire*  
*1896 " Page 426 695 - Willie Whitwire 600*

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all her life except a brief period at school. Her father  
is a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation  
since 1865 and has been identified as her mother in 1865  
and 1866. The wife of J. O. but her mother is identified  
as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is identified for  
the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed in  
the 1880 and 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in  
the Cherokee Nation and wife. He is identified on the rolls  
of the Cherokee Nation.

He has lived at school and went to the Cherokee Nation  
and has been identified as a Cherokee Freedman. He has  
lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1865 and has been  
identified as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the  
Cherokee Nation and wife. He is identified on the rolls  
of the Cherokee Nation.

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He has lived at school and went to the Cherokee Nation  
and has been identified as a Cherokee Freedman. He has  
lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1865 and has been  
identified as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the  
Cherokee Nation and wife. He is identified on the rolls  
of the Cherokee Nation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Readus Moore for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen; said Moore being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Readus Moore.  
Q How old are you? A I am 28 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware District.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes, sir, I have a wife.  
Q Have you any children you want to enroll? A No, sir, we have no children.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment to any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Lewis Armstead is my father.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Rose Moore.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q How comes that you don't carry the name of your father?  
A The reason I don't carry the name of my father was my father and mother parted at the time I was two years old or younger and I have always went by Moore and my name.  
Q Did your mother marry a man by the name of Moore afterwards?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q You just took that name? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A Emma Moore.  
Q How old is your wife? A She is 20 I think in July.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Richard Foreman.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Sallie Foreman.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q When were you married? A January 30th, 1899.  
Q Have you a certificate of marriage? A Yes, sir; though I haven't it with me.  
Q Is there anyone here knows that you are married and living with you wife? A Yes, sir, my mother is here.

ROSE MOORE, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Rose Moore.  
Q How old are you? A 47 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum.  
Q Do you know this applicant here? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he kin to you? A He is my son.  
Q Is he married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of his wife? A Emma.  
Q What was her name before she married him? A Emma Foreman.  
Q How long have they been married? A I don't know just exactly how long.  
Q Well, about? A Something over two years I think.  
Q Something like that? A Yes, sir, as well as I remember.  
Q They are living together as his band and wife are they?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q You saw them married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were they married by a preacher? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was he ever married before? A No, sir.  
Q Was she ever married before? A No, sir.

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The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 285, #1664, Rhodus Moore, Delaware District.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife's mother's name found thereon, page 696, #439, Sallie Foreman, Sequoyah Dist.

The 1896 Census Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 634, #91, Readus Moore, Delaware District.

Page 1123, #51, Emma Foreman, Sequoyah District.

Q How long has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All her life except one term to school she went to in Fort Smith.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:-- The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and wife. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is too young to be upon the roll of 1890, but her mother is identified upon that roll and she is identified upon the roll of 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life except a brief absent at school. Her change of name arising from marriage is established by satisfactory testimony and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 1901.

*A. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 17, 1901

Post Office

Ketchum St.

District

Delaware

1. Name

Rhedus Moore

Age

28

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1890

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No

1664

District

Del.

Parents:

Father

Levis Amstead - living

Citizenship

Mother

Rae Moore - living

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Emma Moore

Age

20

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1896

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No

51

District

Del.

Parents:

Father

Richard Foreman - living

Citizenship

Mother

Sally " - living

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

No. 1

Stenographer

J. C. Rosson

1 On 1890 roll as Rhedus Moore  
 1 " 1896 " Page 634 #9 - Del  
 2 " 1896 " as Emma Foreman.



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Delbert C Moore*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee Nation* Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Delbert C. Moore, born on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1901.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Readus Moore a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Emma Moore a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Lorman, D. Ter.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Emma Moore, on oath state that I am 20  
years of age and a citizen, by Birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Readus Moore, who is a citizen, by  
Birth, of the Cherokee Nation; that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1901; that said child has been  
named Delbert C. Moore, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1902.  
My Com. Exp. 12-1904 Wm. T. Henry, NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Rosanna Melton, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Emma Moore, wife of Readus Moore,  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Delbert C. Moore.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1902.  
My Com. Exp. 12-1904 Wm. T. Henry, NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Hon. Secy of War  
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DOUBTFUL, as to wife, Lucinda.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
vinita, I T., May 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Zeke Whitmire for the enrollment of himself, wife and five children as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, he testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A Zeke Whitmire.

Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly, I judge I am about 33.

Q What is your post-office? A Hudson.

Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.

Q Who is it you want to put on the roll? A I want to enroll myself and children.

Q How many children? A 5.

Q Have you a wife? A Yes sir.

Q Well, you had better apply for her? A Yes sir.

Q You apply then for yourself, your wife and five children? A Yes sir.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have lived here all my life.

Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A I has been all the time.

Q Give me the name of your father? A Mose Whitmire.

Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.

Q Give me the name of your mother? A Mandy.

Q Mandy Whitmire? A She was Whitmire then.

Q What is her name now? A She is dead too.

Q How long has your father been dead? A Why as near as I can get at it he has been dead about fourteen years, I guess.

Q How long has your mother been dead? A I don't know for certain. Now long she has been dead; she has been dead quite a while.

Q Did she die before your father did? A Yes sir.

Q Give me the name of your wife? A Lucinda Whitmire now.

Q How old is your wife? A 29 I guess, if I make no mistake.

Q Does she claim to be a Cherokee Freedman of her own right?

A Yes sir.

Q When did you marry her? A I married 12 years ago this coming August.

Q Have you a certificate of your marriage? A No sir, I haven't with me.

Q Give me the name of her father? A William Tucker.

Q Is he dead? A No sir, he aint dead.

Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Lettie Tucker.

Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.

Q How long has she been dead? A I can't say for sure just how long she has been dead.

Q Were you ever married except to this woman? A Yes sir.

Q Was she ever married except to you? A No sir.

Q Have you and she lived together ever since you were married?

A Yes sir.

Q How long has she lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Ever since she has been born here.

Q All her life has she? A Yes sir.

Q Give me the names of your children? A William Whitmire.

Q How old is William? A Be ten years old in August.

Q Give me the name of the next child? A Lettie Whitmire.

Q How old is Lettie? A She is eight years old, past.

Q Give me the name of the next child? A Mose Whitmire.

Q How old is Mose? A He is four years old, past.

Q Give me the name of the next child? A Eddie Whitmire.

Q Edward? A Yes sir.

Q How old is Edward? A Three, past.

Q Give me the name of the next child? A Sequoyah.

Q How old is Sequoyah? A A year old, past.

Q Who is there here who knows that you and your wife are living together as husband and wife? A I will have to get them; Steve Vann knows.

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A I couldn't tell you that.  
Q This man's wife is your sister? A Yes sir.  
Q They have been married a good many years? A Yes sir.  
Q Was this man's wife ever married except to him? A No sir.  
Q Was this man ever married except to her? A Not that I know of.  
Q You never heard of his being married before? A No sir, I have  
been knowing him ever since he was a baby.  
Q Have this man and his wife been living together ever since  
they were married? A Yes sir.

Applicant ZEKE WHITMORE, re-called, and further examined;  
by Commission ~~member~~ Frederick Breckinridge;

Q When your mother died did your father marry again? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of his second wife? A Mariah Whitmore.  
They spell my name two ways; that's my right name, Siegal.  
Q What do they call you besides Zeke? A Some calls me Siegal and  
some calls me Zeke.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cheyenne Nation  
examined and applicant identified as follows:  
page 198 #3180 Segal Whitire, Cooveescooves District;  
1890 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cheyenne Nation  
examined for applicant's <sup>wife</sup> identified net.

Q Did you know a Lewis Tucker? A No sir.  
Q Do you know a Chapey? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation  
examined for applicant's wife's father and mother and names  
not found thereon.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant, wife and children, and names not found.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation  
examined and applicants identified as follows:  
page 19 #470 Segal Whitnire, Cooweescoowee District.

Q Did you draw Strip money for your wife? A She drewed it.

Kems-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation,  
page 168 #4154 Lucinda Whitnire, nee Tucker, Cooweescoowee.  
page 168 #4155 Willie Whitnire, Cooweescoowee District.



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page 168 #4156 Lettie Whitmire, Cooweescoowee District.

Q How comes that your wife is not on the roll of 1880? A I don't know.

Q Has your wife's father come to apply for enrollment? A My father has.

Q Your wife's father, William Tucker, is he still living with his wife, Lettie? A No sir, his wife is dead.

Q Is Steve Vann a full-brother of your wife? A Only a half brother I think.

Q Did they have the same mother? A Had the same mother.

Q He is a son then of this woman, Lettie Tucker? A Son of Lettie Tucker.

Q Did Lettie Tucker ever have any other children besides Steve Vann of the set of your wife? A Yes sir.

Q Who are they? A One of them is named Kate Adams, now.

Q Has she applied for enrollment? A Yes sir.

Q Kate Adams is a full sister of your wife is she? A Yes sir.

Q Who else now has your wife, besides Kate Adams, a sister or brother? A Sarah.

Q Sarah a full sister? A Yes sir.

Q What is her full name? A Sarah Foster now.

Q Anybody else? A Malinda Beason.

Q That's her present name? A Yes sir.

Con'r Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and five children; the applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns-Clifton roll, as a Cherokee Freedman; he states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; of his five children, the first two, William and Lettie, are duly identified on the Kerns-Clifton roll; it is shown that their father and mother were married some 12 years ago; that neither was previously married, and that they have lived together ever since their marriage, in the Cherokee Nation; ~~this~~ <sup>and</sup> these two children are now living and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; when the Commission is supplied with proper certificates of birth of the three younger children, Mose, Edward and Sequoyah Whitmire, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

As for the applicant's wife, she is identified on the Kerns-Clifton roll; there seems to be no obstacle so far as the law may give her any right through intermarriage, but the applicant states that apart from that as yet undecided ground of enrollment, she is a Cherokee Freedman of her own right; for the further consideration of her testimony under the latter proposition she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card; she is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life; and for the further consideration of her status in this connection reference is made to the case of her half-brother, Steve Vann, Cherokee Freedman card 847, he and the applicant's wife having had the same mother, and also to the case of William Tucker, the father of the applicant's wife, Cherokee Freedman doubtful card 329, and also to the case of Kate Adams, full sister of the applicant's wife, Cherokee Freedman doubtful card 330; if it be desired to further consult testimony relating to this family, an examination may be made of the case of Sarah Foster and Malinda Beason; when the final decision is made as respects the applicant's wife, she will be notified at her post-office address.

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Zake Whitmire, et al.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 20, 1901.


*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Mose Whitman*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE NATION.

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Cherokee Freedman

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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IN RE: Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Mose Whitmire, born on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1896,  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Zeke Whitmire, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucinda Whitmire, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Hudson S.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Lucinda Whitmire, on oath state that I am 29  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Zeke Whitmire, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1896; that said child has been  
named Mose Whitmire, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be two  
Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.  
my Com Exp 4/27/1903 Geo E McCulloch  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Mary W. Thompson, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lucinda Whitmire wife of Zeke Whitmire,  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1896; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Mose Whitmire.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be two  
Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.  
Geo E McCulloch  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT <sup>3</sup>~~4~~ CHILD

Eddie Whitman

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE NATION.

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ACTING COMMISSIONER

Cherokee Freedmen BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of ~~Eddie Whitmire~~ <sup>Lucinda Whitmire</sup>, born on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1898  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Zeke Whitmire, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucinda Whitmire, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Hudson I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Lucinda Whitmire, on oath state that I am 29  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Zeke Whitmire, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1898; that said child has been  
named ~~Eddie Whitmire~~ <sup>Lucinda Whitmire</sup>, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

Geo. E. McCulloch

NOTARY PUBLIC.

INDIAN TERRITORY, NORTHERN DISTRICT, --SS.

John Reeson, aged 30 years, post office address, Hudson I. T., on oath states that he is the brother-in-law of Lucinda Whitmire, mother of Eddie Whitmire, the child named herein and sought to be enrolled; that he lives about 2 1/2 miles from said Lucinda and her husband Zeke Whitmire; that the remembrance of the birth of said child ~~Eddie~~ some time in the month of January, 1898, and was at the claimant's house the next day after the birth of said child; that he knows the child ~~Eddie~~ now sought to be enrolled is the same that was born in Jan, 1898. Affiant further states that he has no interest whatever in putting said child on the roll.

John Reeson  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of May, 1901.

Witnesses to mark:

Geo. E. McCulloch  
Notary Public.

Geo. E. McCulloch, my Com Exp 4/23/1903  
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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Edward Whitmire, born on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1898.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Zeke Whitmire, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucinda Whitmire, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Hudson, O. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

INDIAN TERRITORY, NORTHERN DISTRICT, --SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Notary Public on the 17th day of May, 1901, Zeke Whitmire and Lucinda Whitmire, his wife, personally well known to me, who state in regard to the birth of their child Edward Whitmire as follows: that said child was born on Jan. 21st., 1898, and that there was present at the birth of said child Zeke, the father aforesaid, and an old negro woman by the name of Eliza Adkins; that said Eliza Adkins cannot now be found by affiants to make affidavit as to her attendance upon Lucinda the affiant herein at the birth of said child, that said Eliza Adkins acted as midwife at the birth of said child Edward Whitmire, and that they have looked for and inquired for the whereabouts of said Eliza Adkins but cannot find her. They further state that the evidence given herewith is the best they can produce as to the birth and parentage of said child.

Witnesses to mark:

Mary McThompson  
Leola McCulloch

Lucinda Whitmire  
Zeke Whitmire  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of May, 1901.

My Com Exp 4/27/1903

Geo B McCulloch  
Notary Public.

Cherokee Freedmen

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Edward Whitmire, born on the 21 day of January, 1898  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Zeke Whitmire, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucinda Whitmire, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Hudson, S. T.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Zeke Whitmire, husband of Lucinda Whitmire, do hereby on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lucinda Whitmire, wife of Zeke Whitmire  
on the 21 day of January, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Edward Whitmire <sup>(male or female)</sup> his

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be two  
Witnesses.)

Geo E McCulloch

Mary Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of May, 1901.

Geo E McCulloch

NOTARY PUBLIC.

my Com Exp 422/1903

N.B. I hereby certify that I signed the word "I die" and wrote it  
"Edward" at the request of the father & mother claimants herein  
Geo E. McCulloch Notary Public

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Sequoia Whitman*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE NATION.

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*Whitman*  
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*Arthur C. Smith*  
Arthur C. Smith

Cherokee Freedmen BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

I, N. K. Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Sequoyah Whitwire, born on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1899,  
Name of Father: Zeki Whitwire, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucinda Whitwire, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Hudson Co. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Lucinda Whitwire, on oath state that I am 29<sup>th</sup>  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Zeki Whitwire, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
born to me on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1899; that said child has been  
named Sequoyah Whitwire, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be two  
Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.  
my com exp 4/27/1903 Geo E McCulloch  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN; OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

I, Mary H Thompson, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lucinda Whitwire, wife of Zeki Whitwire  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Sequoyah Whitwire.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be two  
Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.  
Geo E McCulloch  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



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In the matter of the application of John Leroy Butler for en-  
rollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
John Leroy Butler, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner  
Brockbridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your name? A John Leroy Butler.  
Q How old are you? A 22.  
Q What is your post office? A Cherokee.  
Q In what district do you live? A Saline.  
Q Who is it you want to have put on the roll, anybody besides  
yourself? A No, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes.  
Q I suppose so, my parents are.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Samuel Butler.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Cynthia Butler.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other  
tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q The 1880 enumerated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and  
the applicant identified thereon, page 612, No. 84, Saline  
district, as Leroy Butler.  
Q The 1888 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the  
applicant identified thereon, page 1028, No. 2, Saline district,  
as Leroy Butler.

Commissioner: The applicant is identified on the rolls  
of 1880 and 1888 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the  
Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enroll-  
ment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th of May, 1901.

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of John Leroy Butler for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

John Leroy Butler, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A John Leroy Butler.  
Q How old are you? A 25.  
Q What is your post office? A Cheateau.  
Q In what district do you live? A Saline.  
Q Who is it you want to have put on the roll, anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir, I suppose so, my parents are.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Samuel Butler.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Cynthia Butler.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 615, No. 34, Saline district, as Leroy Butler.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 1030, No. 5, Saline district, as Leroy Butler.

Commissioner: The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribe before me this the 20th of May, 1901.

*Wm. Breckinridge*

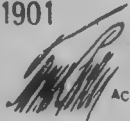
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 18, 1901

Chouteau. S. T.

Saline

1. Name

John L. Butler

Age

23

Owner's name

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Squire Butler - living

Citizenship

Mother

Beyatha " - living

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

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Application made by

M. I.

Stenographer

R. B. Jones.

(On roll as  
2 " 1846 " "

Leroy Butler  
1439 #3 Leroy Butler - Saline

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of May, 1901  
J. I. [Signature]

Notary Public

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 18th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jim Vann for the enrolment of himself, wife and five children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Jim Vann.

Q How old are you? A. 40.

Q What is your post office? A. Chouteau.

Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.

Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.

Q Who do you want to have enrolled? A. Myself and my children.

Q Have you a wife? A. Yes sir.

Q Do you want to enroll her? A. Yes sir.

Q How many children have you? A. Five.

Q All under 21 years of age? A. Yes sir.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.

Q Give me the name of your father? A. Billie Vann.

Q Is he alive? A. No sir.

Q How long has he been dead? A. About 10 years.

Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Minnah Vann.

Q Is she alive? A. No sir.

Q How long has she been dead? A. 9 years about.

Q Give me the name of your wife? A. Mintie.

Q How old is your wife? A. 40, or 45.

Q Does she claim to be a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.

Q Give me the name of her father? A. I don't know it.

Q Give me the name of her mother? A. Maude Vann.

Q Is Maude Vann living? A. No sir.

Q How long has she been dead? A. Quite a while I can't tell exactly.

Q About how long? A. About 15 years I guess.

Q What was your wife's name when you married her? A. She went by the name of Buchanan.

Q What was her name before that? A. Mintie Vann.

Q Had she been married once before she married you? A. Yes sir.

Q What was the name of that first husband? A. Isaac Buchanan.

Q Was he dead before you married her? A. Yes sir.

Q How many times have you been married? A. Just twice with this woman.

Q Was your first wife dead when you married this woman? A. Yes sir.

Q Have you any blood except African blood in you? A. No sir, just African that's all.

Q When did you and your wife Mintie marry—have you a certificate? A. Yes sir.

The applicant presents a ~~certificate and license of~~ marriage license issued by the Clerk of the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory authorizing marriage between himself and Mrs. Mintie Vann, under date of November 13th 1900. The certificate shows that they were united in marriage on the 15th day of the same month and year by the Rev. Joe Ross. This is filed herewith.

Q Give me the names of your children? A. Luversa.

Q How old? A. 12.

Q Next? A. Ester.

Q How old? A. 11.

Q Next? A. Vergil.

Q How old? A. 8.

Q Next? A. George.

Q How old? A. 7.

Jim Vann 2.

Next child? A. Lucinda.

Q How old? A. 6.

Q Are all these children living now? A. Yes sir.

Q Are all of these children by your former wife? A. Yes sir.

Q Give me the name of the mother of these children? A. Rosa Vann.

Q Whom were you and this woman Rosa married? A. We married—I cannot tell just exactly the date but we married—it has been—we lived together before she died about six years.

Q How long has she been dead? A. Going on nine years.

Q How long were you married before your first child was born?

Q About a year.

Q How long did she live after the child Lucinda was born? A year or two years.

Q You married her about 15 years ago then? A. Yes sir.

Q And she has been dead about 4 years then? A. Yes sir I guess so.

Q How old was she when she died? A. I dont know how old she was

Q How old was she when you married her? A. I dont know I didnt ask her her age, she was a well grown woman though,

Q If she were alive now she would be about 30 years old or so?

A Yes sir.

Q Give me the name of her father? A. Isam that is all I know.

Q Give me the name of her mother? A. Lucinda Price I think.

Q Was your first wife ever married before she married you? A. No sir.

Q What was her name before she married you? A. She went by the name of Rose Mosly.

Q How long did your wife Rose live in the Cherokee Nation? A. All her life.

The 1880 roll of the Cherokee Nation ~~identified~~ examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon on as follows: Page 195, No. 3129, James Vann, Ocoweescoowee district..

The 1880 roll examined and the applicant's first wife not found thereon.

The 1880 roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's present wife not found thereon.

The 1896 Census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:

Page 423, No. 636, James Vann, Ocoweescoowee district.

Page 423, No. 637, Louversa Vann, "

Page 423, No. 638, Esta Vann, "

Page 423, No. 640, Virginia Lee Vann, "

Page 423, No. 639, George Vann, "

Page 423 No. 641, Lucinda Vann, "

The Kerns Clifton and census roll of 1896 both examined and the applicant's present wife not identified thereon.

MINTIE VANN, called and sworn as a witness by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Mintie Vann.

Q Are you the wife of this man here? A. Yes sir.

Q How old are you? A. Well I dont know exactly, I guess I am 47.

Q How long have you been living in the Cherokee Nation? A. Pretty near all my life they say.

Q Dont you know? A. No sir.

Q How long did you live in the Cherokee Nation before you married this man? A. 15 or 20 years I guess.

- Q Where have you lived except in the Cherokee Nation? A. No where.  
Q Where were you born? A. In the Creek Nation.  
Q Were you a slave in the Cherokee Nation at the time the war broke out? A. My father and mother was.  
Q Who did they belong to? A. Old Joe Vann.  
Q Did you belong to any one? A. No sir.  
Q Were you free born? A. Yes sir.  
Q How could you be free if your father and mother were slaves? A. I don't know.  
Q How many times have you been married? A. This makes the third time.  
Q What is the name of your first husband? A. Isaac Buchanan.  
Q The name of your second husband? A. Dave Johnson.  
Q And is this your third and last husband? A. Yes sir I hope it is.

Applicants present wife not found on the Wallace roll.

JERRY BUTLER, called and sworn as a witness, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Jerry Butler.  
Q How old are you? A. 43.  
Q What is your past office? A. Chouteau.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Do you know this applicant? A I do.  
Q How long have you known him? A Always—since we was little.  
Q How many times has he been married? A. Two times.  
Q What was his first wife's name? A. Rosa.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has it been since they were married? A 12 or 15 years.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. Must have been dead about—I don't know just how long.  
Q Do you know their child Lucinda? A. I don't believe I know her by that name.  
Q How old was their youngest child when she died? A. A baby.  
Q About how old is that child now? A. 5 or 6 years old.  
Q Was this man ever married before he married this wife Rosa? A No sir  
Q Was she ever married before that? A. No sir not as I know of.  
Q Did they live together as man and wife until she died? A. Yes sir

By Com'r Breckinridge,—

The applicant applies for himself, his wife and five children; the applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His five children, named in the testimony are all identified on the roll of 1896, they are all minors and are all living at this time; a lawful marriage between the applicant and the mother of these children is established in a satisfactory manner and these five children will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. As for the application made for the applicant's present wife, it appears that his former wife was dead before he married this one; she is not identified on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation, neither does she submit at this time any testimony to entitle her to enrollment except her marriage in November of last year, which would be too late to entitle her to enrollment as an intermarried freedman under the Cherokee law of December 16th 1895, therefore the application made for her is rejected. enrollment is refused and the said Mintie Vann will be rejected.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing

is a full true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes  
therein.

*Chas. W. W. W.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd, 1901 at  
Vinita, I. T.

*W. H. W. W.*

Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

Age

Citizenship

1. Name

Owner's name

Year

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No. 3129

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

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Names of Children:

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| 3  | Ethel "     | Year "    | Page 423 | No. 638 | Dist. "    | 11 |
| 4  | Virgil "    | Year "    | Page 423 | No. 640 | Dist. "    | 8  |
| 5  | George "    | Year "    | Page 423 | No. 639 | Dist. "    | 7  |
| 6  | Lucinda "   | Year "    | Page 423 | No. 641 | Dist. "    | 6  |
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Application made by

Stenographer

1896 roll as James Vann  
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 " 1896 " as Louisa Vann  
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 " 1896 " " Virginia Lee "

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Tahlequah, I. T., September 14, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Jim Vann for the enrollment of himself and children Luversa, Hather, Virgin, George and Lucinda Vann, as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY:

LUVERSA PITTS, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Luversa Pitts.  
Q How old are you? A 20.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Choteau.  
Q You are a freedmen are you? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Henry Pitts.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedmen? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? A I was married September 10.  
Q In what year? A 1903.  
Q A year this September? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes taken therein.

*Clinton W. Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this the 14 day of September, 1904.

*J. L. Deland*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 20th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Jones for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; said Jones being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mollie Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 26 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vinita, Indian Territory.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware district.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My little girl.  
Q What is the little girl's name? A Harriet Jones.  
Q Are you married? A I have been married.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Dave Jones.  
Q If you are married and your husband's name is Jones, how does your name happen to be Martin? A I married a Jones but I don't go by Jones.  
Q You go by the name of Jones, don't you? A No, sir.  
Q I ask you what name you go by now? A I go by Martin.  
Q Did you ever get a divorce from your husband? A No, sir, he is married again, I never did get any divorce from him.  
Q How old is Harriet Jones? A She is 12 years old, the 22d of September.  
Q You say you were married to whom? A Dave Jones.  
Q What is your father's name? A Willis Martin.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Martha Martin.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.  
Q How long has your father been dead? A Five years, 4th day of this coming August.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A About six or seven years that past March.  
Q Have you ever been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name Mary? A Yes, sir, but they call me Mollie.  
Q How do you sign it? A That is the way I sign it.  
Q You say you want to be enrolled as Mary Martin? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 283, #1615, Mary Martin, Delaware District.

- Q Is your name on the roll of 1896? A Yes, sir, I guess so.  
Q Did you draw strip money? A Yes, sir.  
Q For this child, Harriet? A Yes, sir.  
Q You drew; your name is Mary Jones? A I enrolled before Mr. Hastings and them as Mary Martin.

The Kerns-Clifton Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and names of applicants found thereon as follows:  
Page 13, #315, Mary Jones, Delaware District.  
Page 13, #316, Harriet Jones, Delaware District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Harriet living at this time? A Yes, sir.

MARY JONES applies for the enrollment of herself and her child, Harriet as Cherokee Freedmen. She is duly identified on the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name as Mary Martin, she having married one Dave Jones from whom she is now separated. As a result of said marriage she has one child, Harriet, who is identified on the Kerns-Clifton pay roll. The name of the applicant is also identified upon the Kerns-Clifton roll as Mary Jones.

Mary Jones, et al--3.

She makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Mary Jones and her child, Harriet Jones, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. She being the daughter of Willis Martin and Martha Martin.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of May, 1901.

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Commissioner.



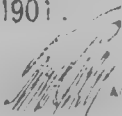
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

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Age

Citizenship

1. Name

Owner's name

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children

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Application made by

Stenographer

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 No 1 on K.C. roll Page 3 No 316, Delaware Dist  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 20th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Johnson for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; said Johnson being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sarah Smith.  
Q How old are you? A 47 I guess.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Myself and my daughter and son.  
Q Your self and two children? A Yes, sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Lula and Jimmie.  
Q How old is Lula? A 28.  
Q How old is Jimmie? A James, 20.  
Q Is his name James or Jimmie? A James.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Johnson.  
Q Well, if you are married to Sam Johnson how does your name happen to be Smith? A That is how I enroll.  
Q I didn't ask you that I asked you what your name was? A My name is Johnson now.  
Q What was your father's name? A George Landrum.  
Q Your mother's name? A Peggie Landrum.  
Q Are they living? A No, sir.  
Q Were you ever married before you married Sam Johnson?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your former husband's name? A Smith.  
Q What was his first name? A Charley Smith.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you living with him? A No, sir.  
Q Are you divorced from him? A He went to the penitentiary.  
Q You married again and your present husband is named Sam Johnson?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q As Landrum? A Smith.

The 1880 Authenticate d Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 538, #1865, Sarah Smith, Illinois District.

- Q This boy is named James Smith? A His name is Jimmie Johnson.  
Q Did you draw your strip payment money? A Yes, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and names of applicants found thereon as follows:  
Page 24, #593, Sarah Smith, Illinois District.  
Page 24, #594, Jimmie Smith, Illinois District.

- Q His proper name is Johnson is it? A Yes, sir.  
Q His Jimmie Johnson living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation yourself?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--Sarah Johnson applies for the enrollment of herself and one child, James: she avers that her maiden name was Landrum and that she married one Charley Smith and she is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Sarah Smith, and upon the Kerns-Clifton roll as Sarah Smith. The name of her child, James, is identified upon the Kerns-Clifton roll as James Smith; his proper name being

Sarah Johnson, et al.--2<sup>a</sup>.

Johnson. They are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Sarah Johnson and her child, James Johnson, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

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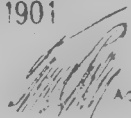
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ACTING COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1901  
Vinita, I. T.  
Delaware

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

11. Name of wife

Sarah Smith Johnson

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

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Mother

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Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

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Not on 1880 roll as Sarah Smith  
No 1 on K.C. roll Page 24 No 593, as Sarah Smith  
Illinois list

No 2 on K.C. Roll as Jimmie Smith

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Q He has never lived in the Cherokee Nation after you married?  
A No, he hasn't.

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Brice G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st of May, 1901.

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Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application Johnson for enrollment as  
a Cherokee Freedman.

Supplemental testimony.

Sarah Johnson, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner  
Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sarah Johnson.
- Q Have you any children? A Yes, sir.
- Q How many? A Two.
- Q What is the oldest child's name? A Lula.
- Q Is she married? A Yes, sir.
- Q What is your next child's name? A James.
- Q Were you enrolled to-day by this Commission? A Yes, sir.
- Mr. Hastings: You gave your post office as Vinita? A Yes, sir.
- Q After you got through enrolling here and went to go off, I told  
you to remain? A You did, but I was sick and I am sick right now,  
I went off, somebody said I was going to take the train but it was all  
a mistake.
- Q When did you reach Vinita? A This morning.
- Q Where did you come from? A I came from Colorado.
- Q Did you ever live in Vinita before? A Yes, sir, I have got  
property here.
- Q How long have you been in Colorado? A A year: my husband works  
out there, and he send me a ticket to come and see him, and when he  
wants to send me back he sends me back.
- Q You have been there one year? A It has been a little over a  
year.
- Q Were you ever out there before? A Yes, sir, I have been out  
there.
- Q When did you first go to Colorado? A I first went there since  
the payment.
- Q Since the colored payment? A Yes, sir.
- Q That was in 1897; you mean the payment in 1897? A The Clifton  
payment, yes, sir.
- Q You went out there since then? A Yes, sir.
- Q Part of your time did you ever live in Kansas? A I have worked  
in Kansas.
- Q Where did you work in Kansas? A Parsons.
- Q How long did you ever stay up there? A I don't know just exact-  
ly how long, but I have worked up there.
- Q About how many years? A I never stayed there a year.
- Q Through how many years duration all told have you been backwards  
and forwards in Kansas? A I don't know, sometimes back up to see  
my folks and visit around, and come back.
- Q How long has your husband been in Colorado? A I can't tell you  
how long.
- Q Where did you marry him? A In the Creek Nation.
- Q When? A I don't know the time of the year I have been married.
- Q Is the father of these two children? A No, sir.
- Q Is he the father of either of them? A No, sir.
- Q Is your husband named Johnson? A Yes, sir.
- Q Well, this James' name is not Johnson? A Well that is his  
stepfather.
- Q Were you married to James' father? A Well, he goes by Jimmie  
Johnson.
- Q I say were you married to his father? A No, sir.
- Q Where was Jim born? A Born in the Creek Nation.
- Q What part of the Creek Nation? A Out near Muskogee.
- Q Was his father a Creek? A He was a white man.
- Q You lived in Denison, Texas, a while? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long did you live there? A I don't know how long I  
lived there.
- Q About how many years? A I don't know how many years; of course

at that time I never kept any time, I just when there and worked and came home.

Q Lula was born there? A Yes, sir.

Q In Denison, Texas? A Yes, sir.

Q Whom did she come up here? A Been with me all the time until she was married.

Q Where did she marry? A She was married in Kansas.

Q When? A I don't know sir, she has been married 11 years.

Q Has she any children? A No, sir.

Q Where does she live? A Why she lives backwards and forwards like myself.

Q Where did she come from this morning when she reached town?

A We came from Colorado here.

Q She has been out there with you? A Yes, sir, I was sick out there and she came to see me.

Q Where is her husband? A He is in Newton, Kansas.

Q How long has he been there in Newton, Kansas? A Well, I can't tell just how long.

Q Has he ever been here? A Yes, sir, he lived here; he is a state man; so is my husband a state man.

Q Has this Ella Miller's husband ever lived here.

A Yes, sir, he has lived here in Vinita.

Q How long? A I don't know how long exactly.

Q Did he live here as long as a month? A Yes, sir, lived here longer than a month.

Q How much longer than a month; how much longer to the best of your knowledge? A I just can't tell you, he worked for Mr. Steve Hill, I don't know just how long, over a month.

Q He has made his home up in Kansas almost ever since he married?

A He lived here a while.

Q With that exception? A Well, Lula has worked here for Mrs. Frazier some time.

Q Since she married? A Yes, sir.

Q I have been advised that this Lula is only an adopted daughter of yours; is she your own natural child? A She is my child.

Q You swear that? A Yes, sir, I held up my hand to swear that she is my child, I am not going to swear no lie.

Q And she has been married about 11 years? A Yes, sir.

Q She was married in Kansas? A Yes, sir.

Q Were you living up there at the time she was married? A No, sir, I was out on Big Creek living on Big Creek.

Q What place in Kansas was she married? A I don't know, I was living on Big Creek and I hadn't seen her for quite a while, she had been there to work in Kansas and while she was there she married.

Q How old was she when you came back from Denison after she was born? A She was two of three years old.

Q How long had you been down there when she was born? A I don't know what year I went there, I didn't keep count, I don't know what year I came back.

Q Have you ever lived in any other states except Texas and Kansas and Colorado? A I just went down there to work, we all did; we go there and come back home; of course I always made Grand River my home.

Q Did you have a home out there? A I lived there with my father.

Q What was his name? A George Landrum

Q You made that your headquarters? A Yes, sir, that is my home, of course I went in the states to work.

Q What is your husband doing in Colorado? A He is a mortar maker.

Q Has he lived here? A Yes, sir.

Q Where did he live? A Lived in Fort Gibson, most of the time I think.

Q How long has he lived there? A I don't know sir, he was there when I got acquainted with him.

Q I mean after you married him? A He has never lived there.

- Q. Did he never lived in the Cherokee Nation after you married?  
A. No, he hasn't.

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Brice G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Brice G. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 21st of May, 1901.

A. McKinnore

Commissioner.



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REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF THE ARMY

1911

Cherokee Freedman 867.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Tahlequah, I. T., May 14, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Johnson for the enrollment of herself and her child, James Johnson, as Cherokee freedman.

Sarah Johnson, being duly sworn, and examined by the Commission testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sarah Johnson.  
Q How old are you? A About forty-eight, I guess.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vinita, I. T.  
Q You are a Cherokee freedman, are you? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you been living in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been living here all my life, pretty near.  
Q Ever since the war? A Yes sir.  
Q Been living here continuously for the past twenty-five years, have you? A Yes sir, off and on I have.  
Q Have you been out some? A Yes sir, working.  
Q Where, how long at a time? A Some times six months and sometimes a year, backwards and forwards.  
Q Where would you go? A I would go to Colorado. My husband works out there.  
Q When were you married? A We were married in '85.  
Q Is your husband a freedman? A No sir.  
Q When did he go to Colorado? A I don't really just know when he did go.  
Q Were you married in the nation? A Yes sir.  
Q How long did you live in the nation before he went out to Colorado? A I don't know, sir; when I knew him he was living down at Fort Gibson.  
Q How long did you live together in the nation before he went to Colorado? A We lived here quite a while, I couldn't tell you how long.  
Q How long has he been in Colorado? A He has been out there about five or six years, I guess, I couldn't tell you.  
Q What is he doing? A Hod carrying.  
Q Has he lived there all the time? A He doesn't live there, he just works out there.  
Q Has he been there all the time for the last five years? A Yes sir, he has.  
Q Where have you been? A I have been here and there too, backward and forward.  
Q Where is your home, here? A In Vinita; I own property there.  
Q Your husband boards out there, does he? A Yes sir.  
Q You go out there occasionally and visit him? A Yes sir, I visit him and go out there and stay a while and then come back home.  
Q You board while you are there, do you? A Yes sir. Vinita is my home.  
Q Where does your husband consider that his home is? A I suppose he considers his home in the Cherokee Nation; I don't know. His native home is in Baltimore, Maryland.  
Q Where do you consider your home? A Vinita, Cherokee Nation.  
Q You own property there since you were married? A Yes sir, I was born and raised about fifteen miles from Vinita.

2- Sarah Johnson et al.

Q Had your husband been living in the Cherokee Nation when you married him? A Yes sir, not in the Cherokee Nation; at the time we married he was in the Creek Nation, at Muskogee.

Q That was in '85? A Yes sir.

Q Have you lived together in the territory up until about five years ago? A We lived in the territory for a while and then we went from there - he went to Parsons and I went there a while, and then I moved to Big Creek; that is near Coffeyville. He went away and he was gone quite a while before I ever went to him again. He was in the states and I stayed at home.

Q Your husband would go out and get work? A Yes sir.

Q Does he come back to the territory once in a while? A He hasn't been back his last time since he has been out.

Q He hasn't been back for five years? A Yes sir.

Q You say he hasn't been back? A No sir, he hasn't been back for five years, perhaps longer, I couldn't tell you how long.

Q Were you ever out of the territory before you were married? A I used to go out and work; my father used to have me go and work and then come back home.

Q Out in the states? A Work for a living out in the states.

Q And stay a while and then come home? A I would be working all the time I was out.

Q But Vinita has always been your home? A Yes sir, Vinita is my home.

Q Have you any children? A Yes sir.

Q How many? A Two.

Q What are their names? A James Johnson, and Lulu Miller.

Q She is married? A Yes sir.

Q Is James staying with you? A Yes sir, he stays with me for a while. He stays in Vinita all the time.

Q Has he lived in the Cherokee Nation all the time? A Except when he was a child I had taken the child with me, but since he has been of age he is out for himself.

Q Was he out to Colorado with you? A When I first went out I taken the child with me and I brought him back home.

Q He is old enough to take care of himself now? A Yes sir.

Q How old is James? A He is twenty-two, going on twenty-three.

Q Do you keep house in Vinita in a house of your own? A I have a house of my own.

Q Furnished? A No sir, it isn't furnished now.

Q Are you boarding now? A I have my house rented out now.

Q Since your husband went away? A Oh, no, I kept house since then; I kept house about a year ago and perhaps a little longer.

Q Did you ever take your household goods out of the nation?

A No sir, never moved anything out of the nation except my clothes.

Q You have a farm here, have you? A Where I am going to file on now?

Q Yes. A It isn't a farm; it is public domain; I have it fenced in; it is a pasture.

Q You never had a farm? A It isn't under cultivation.

Q You never had one? A Yes sir, I sold it about four years ago. The reason why I sold it I couldn't get anything off of it, and I had just as well sell it to my nearest neighbor.

Q You located a place on the public domain now, have you? A Yes sir.

Q That is where you are going to file now? A Yes sir, that is where I am going to file.

Q Are you going to file to-day? A Yes sir, I want to file as soon as I can.

3- Sarah Johnson et al.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

E. W. Humberger

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 1903.

Samuel Foreman  
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The following is a list of the names of the persons who were enrolled in the program for the year 1964-1965. The names are listed in alphabetical order. The names are listed in the order in which they were enrolled in the program. The names are listed in the order in which they were enrolled in the program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 20th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Abraham Keys for enrollment of himself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Keys being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles; testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Abram Keys.  
Q How old are you? A I am somewhere on to 40.  
Q What is your post office? A Chouteau.  
Q What district do you live in? A I live now near Chouteau, Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Me and three children.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll your wife? A My first wife is dead; this woman I got now she is a citizen of the Creek Nation.  
Q What are the names of your children? A My oldest one is named Willie.  
Q How old is he? A He is about 16 years old.  
Q Willie Keys? A Yes, sir.  
Q The next one? A His given name is John.  
Q John what? A John Keys.  
Q How old is John? A He is about, he is close on to nine years old.  
Q The next one? A Is named Ella.  
Q How old is Ella? A She is about something about near, about ten or twelve.  
Q What ~~xxx~~ was the mother's name of these children? A Mary Ann Parks.  
Q Is she living? A She is dead.  
Q She was your first wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you any proof of your marriage to her? A Yes, I suppose I could find some.  
Q Was she a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q She was a slave? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her owner's name? A Her owner's, I don't know exactly but I know her father's name was Bass Parks.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is her name? A Yes, sir, I think it is.  
Q Were you a slave, Mr. Keys? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your owner's name? A Lewis, that is Jim Keys.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants and his former wife's names found thereon as follows:

Page 546, #991, Abram Keys, Illinois District.

Page 565, #1375, Mary Parks, Illinois District.

- Q Did you draw strip money for yourself and these children?  
A Yes, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 59, #1475, Abraham Keys, Illinois District.

Page 59, #1476, Willie Keys, Illinois District.

Page 59, #1478, Malcolm Keys, Illinois District.

Page 59, #1477, Eva Keys, Illinois District.

(Applicant states that the two latter names found upon the roll are the nicknames of his two younger children.)

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these children all alive at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q All born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Abraham Keys, et al.--2.

COM'R NEEDLES:--Abraham Keys applies for the enrollment of himself and three children, Willie, John and Ella. He is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880. He avers that the mother of his three children was Mary Ann Parks, a Cherokee Freedman, and her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. Their names are not found upon the census roll of 1896, but they are all duly identified upon the Kerns-Clifton roll. Consequently Abraham Keys and his children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 1901.

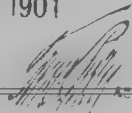
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

Post Office

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May 30<sup>th</sup> 1901  
Guntan, S.D.  
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1. Name Abraham Keys

Age 110

Owner's name

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No. 291

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Parents:

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No. 1 on K.C. roll (Page 54 No. 1476, Illinois list)

No. 1 on 1880 roll as Abram Keys  
No. 3 " K.C. roll as Malcolm Keys  
No. 4 " " " " Eva

Cherokee Free men 197.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
MUSKOGEE, I.T., NOVEMBER 18, 1904.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Nooney Parks as a Cherokee Freedman.

On October 14, 1904, Bass Parks was notified by registered mail, and on October 25, the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation were notified by letter, that the application for the enrollment of Nooney Parks, ward of the said Bass Parks, as a Cherokee Freedman, would be taken up by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at its offices in Muskogee, Indian Territory, on the 18th day of November, 1904, at which time an opportunity would be given both the applicant and the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation to introduce any testimony they might desire affecting said application, at which time the case would be taken up for final consideration.

Now on this 18th day of November, 1904, this cause coming on to be heard pursuant to said notice, said applicant being called, failed to appear either in person or by attorney, and the Cherokee nation appearing by its attorney, Bell, Hastings & Davenport, submits this case upon the evidence now of record.

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H. M. Vance, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported in full all the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 18th day of November, 1904, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

*H. M. Vance*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December, 1904.

*Charles H. Sawyer*  
Notary Public.

Cherokee Freedman 197.,  
Cherokee Freedman 868.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
as Cherokee freedmen of Bass Parks and Nooney Keys.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
as Cherokee freedmen of Abraham Keys and his three children,  
Willie, John, and Ella Keys.

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It appears from an examination of the records of this  
office that Nooney Parks, listed for enrollment upon Cherokee  
Freedman card No. 197, whose age was given on April 16, 1901,  
as 16, and whose parents are shown on that card as Abe Parks,  
the slave of Abe Keys, and Mary A. Parks, deceased, the slave  
of Jeff Parks, is a duplicate enrollment of Willie Keys, listed  
for enrollment upon Cherokee Freedman card No. 868, whose age  
is shown on May 20, 1901, as 16, whose father appears as Abraham  
Keys and whose mother appears as Mary A. Keys, deceased.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the application for  
the enrollment of Nooney Parks on Cherokee Freedman card No.  
197, be, and the same is, hereby cancelled.

COMMISSIONER.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Department of the Interior.  
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Pt. Gibson, Tenn., April 6, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Bass Parks for the enrollment of himself and one grandchild, Mooney Parks, as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Bass Parks.  
Q How old are you? A About 75.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q You always been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Whom do you want to enroll besides yourself? A I got a grandson. I am his guardian. Mooney Parks.  
Q How old is Mooney Parks? A He's 16.  
Q You just want to apply for yourself and this child? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your owner's name? A Parks.  
Q Where were you during the war? A Down south, but I had to come back in '66.  
Q You come back in '66? A As near as I could.  
Q You been living here ever since? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you born in the Cherokee Nation? A No sir, in Tennessee, but the Indians fetched me here.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 565, No. 1372, Bass Parks, Illinois District.

The census roll of 1896 of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

Page 958, No. 435, Bass Parks, Illinois District.  
Page 958, No. 437, Mooney Parks, Illinois District.

- Q Is Mooney Parks alive? A Yes, he's alive; he's out there now.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live here now? A Yes sir.

The name of Bass Parks is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. He applies for the enrollment of Mooney Parks, for whom he presents regular certificate of guardianship. The name of Mooney Parks is found upon the census roll of 1896. They are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Chief Clerk,

Cherokee Enrollment Division,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the names of Florence and Mose Keys, children of Abe Keys, an alleged citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and Siney Keys, a Creek Freedman, are contained in a partial list of new born freedmen (March 3, 1905) of the Creek Nation, approved by the Secretary of the Interior July 10, 1906, opposite roll numbers 634 and 635.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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THE VICTIM IS IDENTIFIED AS BELLEVILLE WITH MOTHER WHO IS IDENT-

ified as Mrs. J. J. Smith, 1111 North 1st Street, Belleville, Mo. The victim is a white female, born May 1, 1900, at St. Louis, Mo. She is 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 120 pounds, has blue eyes, blonde hair, and is married. She has one child, a son, born May 1, 1925, at St. Louis, Mo. The victim is a member of the Catholic Church and is employed as a bookkeeper for the Belleville National Bank. She is a resident of Belleville, Mo., and is known to the police as a person of good character.

The victim was last seen on the evening of May 1, 1935, at her home in Belleville, Mo. She was wearing a blue dress and a white blouse. She was accompanied by her son, who is 10 years old. They were walking to the Belleville National Bank, which is located on North 1st Street. The victim was last seen at the bank at approximately 7:30 p.m. She was not seen again until the morning of May 2, 1935, when her body was discovered in a wooded area near the Belleville National Bank. The body was found at approximately 8:00 a.m. on May 2, 1935. The victim was wearing the same blue dress and white blouse that she was last seen wearing. The body was found in a wooded area near the Belleville National Bank, and the police are currently investigating the case.

The police are currently investigating the case and are looking for any information that might help identify the person or persons responsible for the victim's death. The police are also looking for any information that might help identify the person or persons who saw the victim last. The police are currently reviewing the surveillance footage from the Belleville National Bank and are also interviewing the bank's employees. The police are also reviewing the surveillance footage from the Belleville National Bank and are also interviewing the bank's employees. The police are currently reviewing the surveillance footage from the Belleville National Bank and are also interviewing the bank's employees.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 20th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lula Miller for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman; said Miller being sworn and examined by Commissioner W. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lula Miller.  
Q How old are you? A 28 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A I don't know, this side of the track.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Noboddy.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Charley Miller.  
Q What was your father's name? A Smith I went by.  
Q Did you know his first name? A Charley.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Sarah Johnson.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you any children? A No, sir.  
Q You just want to enroll yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q You are married now to Charley Miller? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where were you born? A Texas I think.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Come from Texas very young then? A I was quite a baby.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name identified thereon, page 588, #1880, Lula Smith, Illinois District.

(The Applicant is identified with her mother who is identified on the 1880 roll as Smith.)

COM'R NEEDLES:--Lula Smith applies for the enrollment of herself. She is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 1901.

*W. B. Needles*

Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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*[Handwritten signature]*

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

Post Office

District

May 21 1901  
Lula, Dist.  
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1. Name ..... Age .....  
Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

2. Name of wife ..... Age 28

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year 1880 Page 588 No. 1866 District Illinois

Parents:

Father Schap Smith ..... Citizenship Sevier

Mother Sarah Johnson ..... Citizenship .....

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Brace C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd of May, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Johnson for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Supplemental testimony.

Sarah Johnson, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sarah Johnson.
- Q Have you any children? A Yes, sir.
- Q How many? A Two.
- Q What is the oldest child's name? A Lula.
- Q Is she married? A Yes, sir.
- Q What is your next child's name? A James.
- Q Were you enrolled to-day by this Commission? A Yes, sir.
- Mr. Hastings: You gave your post office as Vinita? A Yes, sir.
- Q After you got through enrolling here and went to go off, I told you to remain? A You did, but I was sick and I am sick right now, I went off, somebody said I was going to take the train but it was all a mistake.
- Q When did you reach Vinita? A This morning.
- Q Where did you come from? A I came from Colorado.
- Q Did you ever live in Vinita before? A Yes sir, I have got property here.
- Q How long have you been in Colorado? A A year; my husband works out there, and he sends me a ticket to come and see him, and when he wants to send me back he sends me back.
- Q You have been there one year? A It has been a little over a year.
- Q Were you ever out there before? A Yes, sir, I have been out there.
- Q When did you first go to Colorado? A I first went there since the payment.
- Q Since the colored payment? A Yes, sir.
- Q That was in 1897; you mean the payment in 1897? A The Clifton payment, yes, sir.
- Q You went out there since then? A Yes, sir.
- Q Part of your time did you ever live in Kansas? A I have worked in Kansas.
- Q Where did you work in Kansas? A Parsons.
- Q How long did you ever stay up there? A I don't know just exactly how long, but I have worked up there.
- Q About how many years? A I never stayed there a year.
- Q Through how many years duration all told have you been backwards and forwards in Kansas? A I don't know, sometimes back up to see my folks and visit around, and come back.
- Q How long has your husband been in Colorado? A I can't tell you how long.
- Q Where did you marry him? A In the Creek Nation.
- Q When? A I don't know the time of the year I have been married.
- Q What is he the father of these two children? A No, sir.
- Q Is he the father of either of them? A No, sir.
- Q Is your husband named Johnson? A Yes sir.
- Q Well, this James' name is not Johnson? A Well that is his stepfather.
- Q Were you married to James' father? A Well, he goes by Jimmie Johnson.
- Q I say were you married to his father? A No, sir.
- Q Where was Jim born? A Born in the Creek Nation.
- Q What part of the Creek Nation? A Out near Muskogee.
- Q Was his father a Creek? A He was a white man.
- Q You lived in Denison, Texas, a while? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long did you live there? A I don't know how long I lived there.
- Q About how many years? A I don't know how many years; of course

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at that time I never kept any time, I just went there and worked and come home.

Q Lula was born there? A Yes, sir.

Q In Denison, Texas? A Yes, sir.

Q When did she come up here? A Been with me all the time until she was married.

Q Where did she marry? A She was married in Kansas.

Q When? A I don't know sir, she has been married 11 years.

Q Has she any children? A No, sir.

Q Where does she live? A Why she lives backwards and forwards like myself.

Q Where did she come from this morning when she reached town?

A To come from Colorado here.

Q She has been out there with you? A Yes, sir, I was sick out there and she come to see me.

Q Where is her husband? A He is in Newton, Kansas.

Q How long has he been there in Newton, Kansas? A Well, I can't tell just how long.

Q Has he ever been here? A Yes sir, he lived here; he is a state man; so is my husband a state man.

Q Has this Ella Miller's husband ever lived here?

A Yes, sir, he has lived here in Visita.

Q How long? A I don't know how long exactly.

Q Did he live here as long as a month? A Yes sir, he lived here longer than a month.

Q How much longer than a month; how much longer to the best of your knowledge? A I just can't tell you, he worked for Mr. Steve Hill, I don't know just how long, over a month.

Q He has made his home up in Kansas almost ever since he married?

A He lived there a while.

Q With that exception? A Well, Lula has worked here for Mrs. Frazier some time.

Q Since she married? A Yes, sir.

Q I have been advised that this child Lula is only an adopted daughter of yours; is she your own natural child? A She is my child.

Q You swear that? A Yes, sir, I held up my hand to swear that she is my child, I am not going to swear no lie.

Q And she has been married about 11 years? A Yes, sir.

Q She was married in Kansas? A Yes, sir.

Q Were you living up there at the time she was married? A No, sir, I was out on Big Creek living on Big Creek.

Q What place in Kansas was she married? A I don't know, I was living on Big Creek and I hadn't seen her for quite a while, she had been there to work in Kansas and while she was there she married.

Q How old was she when you came back from Denison after she was born? A She was two or three years old.

Q How long had you been down there when she was born? A I don't know what year I went there, I didn't keep count, I don't know what year I come back.

Q Have you ever lived in any other states except Texas and Kansas and Colorado? A I just went down there to work, we all did; we go there and come back home; of course I always made Grand River my home.

Q Did you have a home out there? A I lived there with my father.

Q What was his land? A George Landrum.

Q You made that your headquarters? A Yes sir, that is my home, of course I went in the states to work.

Q What is your husband doing in Colorado? A He is a mortar maker.

Q Has he lived here? A Yes, sir.

Q Where did he live here? A Lived in Fort Gibson, most of the time I think.

Q How long has he lived there? A I don't know sir, he was there when I got acquainted with him.

Q I mean after you married him? A He has never lived there.

Q He has never lived in the Cherokee Nation after you married?

A No, he hasn't.

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Sarah Johnson - 2.

James E. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Charles E. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd of May, 1901.



Commissioner.





Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., March 23, 1903.

In the matter of the application of LULA MILLER, for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman:

LULA MILLER, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

- Q State your name ? A Lula Miller.  
Q How old are you ? A Thirty.  
Q What is your post office ? A Vinita.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman ? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name is on the roll of 1880 is it ? A Yes sir.  
Q What district, Illinois ? A I think it is Illinois, yes sir at Fort Gibson.  
Q Where have you been living since 1880 ? A Well I have been living here and in the Creek Nation some.  
Q Have you ever been out of the Indian Territory ? A Yes sir.  
Q Where ? A Newton, Kansas.  
Q When did you go to Newton, Kansas ?  
A Well, I don't know just when I went there.  
Q When did you first go out of the Indian Territory ?  
A I don't know just when it was, I guess I was about fifteen years old when I first went to Parsons.  
Q What did you go to Parsons for ? A To go to school.  
Q Are your parents living ? A Yes sir.  
Q Did they go out at that time ? A Why my mother was there, yes sir.  
Q In Parsons ? A Yes sir.  
Q Where was your father ? A He was here.  
Q Your father and mother were living together then ? A No sir.  
Q Were they divorced ? A I guess so.  
Q Your father and mother were separated at the time she took you to Parsons, Kansas ? A Yes sir.  
Q How long did you stay in Parsons, Kansas ?  
A Oh I don't know how long I stayed there  
Q Did you go to school there ? A Yes sir.  
Q Don't you know how long you went to school ?  
A I was there about a year or two I guess.  
Q Then where did you go from there ? A I don't know, I think we went over to Arkansas City.  
Q With your mother ? A No sir, I went alone.  
Q How old were you then ? A About sixteen or seventeen years old, I guess.  
Q What did you go over there for ? A Just to be going.  
Q How long did you stay there ? A I stayed there about a year.  
Q You were there working ? A Yes sir.  
Q You stayed there then until you were about seventeen ?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Then where did you go ? A I married.  
Q Where did you marry ? A I married at the county seat for Arkansas City.  
Q You were married at Arkansas City ? A No, at Winfield, I guess  
Q What was your husband's name ? A Charley Miller.  
Q He was not a Freedman ? A No sir.  
Q Wasn't a citizen of the Cherokee Nation ? A No sir.  
Q He lived over there ? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you go to housekeeping over there ? A We did a while, yes sir.

- Q Then where did you go ? A I came here.
- Q With your husband ? A Yes sir we come here a while.
- Q What year was that ? A I don't know what year it was.
- Q How old were you when you got married ? A Seventeen years old.
- Q Did you stay over there about a year ? A Yes sir.
- Q With your husband ? A Yes sir.
- Q What did he do over there ? A Barbered.
- Q Then you came to the Cherokee Nation, did you ?
- A Oh I don't know whether I came here after that or not.
- Q Don't you know where you went and where you have been living since you were married ? A Well, I have been living here and away from here so much I don't know.
- Q Where did you live immediately after your marriage ?
- A Arkansas City.
- Q How long did you live there, about a year ? A I guess it was.
- Q Then where did you go after that ?
- A It seems to me we moved to Wichita, Kansas.
- Q How long did you stay there ? A Not very long.
- Q A month or two ? A About three months, I guess.
- Q When you left Wichita where did you go ? A To the Creek Nation.
- Q What town ? A Muskogee.
- Q Your husband too ? A No sir.
- Q Where did your husband go ? A He went to Colorado.
- Q Did you separate ? A No sir.
- Q What did he go to Colorado for ? A Just went out there to work.
- Q How long did he stay there ? A He stayed there quite a while, three years I guess.
- Q Where were you living in the meantime ?
- A Well I stayed down there a while, and after that I went out and stayed with him a while, and then I come back here.
- Q To Muskogee ? A No sir, out here on Big Creek, and stayed a while, and went out to Coffeyville, and he went to Mobile, Alabama, and we were separated for quite a while.
- Q Did he work there ? A Yes sir.
- Q You didn't go with him there ? A No sir.
- Q How long did he stay there ? A About two years I guess.
- Q Where had you been living these two years ? A Here.
- Q In the Cherokee Nation ? A Yes sir, after working a while there in Coffeyville I came here and worked here for a while.
- Q You and your husband hadn't separated ?
- A We were not living together, I didn't care to go there.
- Q You weren't divorced ? A No sir.
- Q You didn't make any agreement to live apart, you simply wouldn't go with him ? A That's all I guess; wouldn't go with him down there.
- Q Do you remember what year he came back ? A No sir I don't.
- Q Where did he come to ? A Why he come up to Coffeyville.
- Q He didn't come to the Nation ? A Well--
- Q He came to Coffeyville, Kansas ? A Yes sir.
- Q Went to work there at his trade ? A No sir, he just come there, he come there in order to see me I guess.
- Q You were living there ? A No, I was living here.
- Q How came him to go to Coffeyville ? A Because I told him I would meet him there.
- Q Did he stay any time at Coffeyville ? A No sir.
- Q Where did he go ? A To Arkansas City, and from there to where he is now, to Newton.
- Q How long did he stay at Arkansas City ? A A week or two.
- Q He went to Newton, Kansas ? A Yes sir.
- Q And he has been in Newton, Kansas, ever since ?
- A No, he come here and stayed a while.
- Q When was he here ? A Well, I guess it has been about four or five years ago.
- Q How long did he stay here ? A He wouldn't stay here very long, didn't like it.

- Q Was that in Vinita ? A Yes sir.
- Q You are still husband and wife ? A Yes sir.
- Q Have you lived with him in Newton ?
- A Yes sir we lived temporarily there.
- Q He is working at his trade there is he ? A Yes sir.
- How much of the time have you been with him in Newton ?
- A Well it don't seem as though I am with him at all, I am here as much as I am there.
- Q Who are you with here ? A With my aunts when I am here, or go out on my place on Lightening.
- Q What is your uncle's name ? A Jack Landrum.
- Q What is your aunt's name ? A Glory Foreman.
- Q Do you make your home with your aunt or your uncle when you are in the Nation ? A Why yes, when I am here I stop with them.
- Q Are you keeping house up in Newton, Kansas ?
- A Why yes sir, we are.
- Q Your husband never lived in the Cherokee Nation ?
- A Yes sir, we lived here a while, we kept house here a while.
- Q Where ? A Out here by Mr. Stanfield's.
- Q Where is that ? A Why we lived right here in Vinita.
- Q How long did you live in Vinita, you and your husband, at the time you kept house ? A I kept house here about two years, but I wasn't here all that time.
- Q Was this your home during that time ? A Why yes, he come here to stay if he liked it.
- Q You kept house here ? A Yes sir.
- Q You don't remember what two years that was, do you ?
- A No sir.
- Q Don't remember what time it was ? A No sir.
- Q Do you remember the time of the payment when you got your pay ?
- A Yes sir.
- Q You remember that, do you ? A Yes sir.
- Q Was it before or after that that you stayed with your husband here in Vinita and kept house ? A We were keeping house here before the payment and after the payment.
- Q And during the time of the payment ? A Yes sir.
- Q Your husband was living in Vinita and working at his trade and keeping house here at the time of the payment ? A Yes sir.
- Q Was that the only two years you ever lived in Vinita with your husband ? A Yes sir.
- Q The only time he ever lived in the Cherokee Nation ?
- A Yes sir.
- Q Was it after the payment he went to Alabama, or before ?
- A No, it was before.
- Q After the payment he went to Arkansas City ?
- A No, he went to Newton where is now.
- Q He has been living in Newton ever since the payment of 1897 ?
- A Well, yes sir, sometimes afterwards; I don't know just when; but he has been there ever since.
- Q You lived continuously in the Cherokee Nation did you until you were about fifteen years old ? A Yes sir.
- Q Are your father and mother living here now ?
- A My mother is not here now, she went out where her husband was.
- Q You told me your father and mother had separated when you went out to school ? A Yes sir, I said they didn't live together.
- Q Where did your mother go after you left Parsons ?
- A She moved down on Big Creek.
- Q How long did she live there ? A She lived there until she moved to Vinita, I don't know how long.
- Q Has she been living in the Cherokee Nation right along ?
- A Yes sir.
- Q She has never lived out of the Nation ? A No sir.
- Q Has she married again since her separation from her husband ?
- A Yes sir, she's married.

Q What is her husband's name ? A Johnson.  
 Q Is he a Freedman ? A No sir.  
 Q Have they been living in the Cherokee Nation since they were married ? A Why no, she hasn't been living with him because he wouldn't come here.  
 Q Where is his home ? A He hasn't got any home.  
 Q Is he a State man ? A Yes sir.  
 Q Where were they married ? A Here in the Territory I think.  
 Q Aren't they living together ? A Why yes sir, she's gone where he is now.  
 Q Where is he ? A In Colorado.  
 Q When did she go ? A About a year ago.  
 Q When were they married ? A I don't know the year.  
 Q Several years ago ? A Yes sir.  
 Q Did they live in the Cherokee Nation until he went out to Colorado ? A Yes sir.  
 Q They are both out there ? A Yes sir.  
 Q Been out there about a year ? A He has been out there longer than that.  
 Q Did your husband come to Vinita to make his home here ? A Yes sir.  
 Q That is if he liked the place ? A Yes, he said if he liked the place.  
 Q He didn't like it ? A No sir.  
 Q Well he hasn't lived here since 1897, been living in Newton ? A No sir, he hasn't been here to live since then.  
 Q You and your husband, of course, are still living together as husband and wife ? (No response).

Examined by Louis Brown:

Q Do you own a farm in the Cherokee Nation ? A Yes.  
 Q Do you own any other property in the Cherokee Nation ? A Yes.  
 Q What is it ? A A house.  
 Q How long have you owned that ? Oh about when did you buy it ?  
 A Right after the payment.  
 Q The same year of the payment ? A Yes.  
 Q Where is your farm located ? A Out at Lightning Creek.  
 Q How long have you owned it ? A Six years.

By the Commission:

Q Bought it with your strip money ? A Yes sir.  
 Q You rent it out, do you ? A Yes sir.  
 Q Improvements on it ? A Well I have nothing but a fence.  
 Q You rent it ? A Yes sir.

E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. C. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 14, 1903.

*Samuel Foreman*

Notary Public.

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Cherokee Freedmen

No. 869.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 12, 1905.

Lulu Miller,  
130 West Second Street,  
Newton, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of December 26, 1904, relative to your enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

In reply you are advised that your name appears upon a partial roll of Cherokee freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior on April 30, 1904, opposite number 2909.

You are further advised that you will be permitted to make an allotment selection as soon as your ticket of admission is reached in the regular order.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) *Tame Dixby.*  
Chairman.





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COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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 MAY 29, 1901

In the matter of the application of Grace Vann for the enrollment of herself and husband as Cherokee Freedmen, said Vann being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Hendles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Grace Vann.  
 Q How old are you? A Well, I am 56 years old.  
 Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
 Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah, I am living in Tahlequah now.  
 Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself and your husband?  
 Q What is his name? A Benjamin Vann.  
 Q How old is he? A He is about 60 years old.  
 Q Is your name on the Roll of 1880? A Yes, sir, it ought to be.  
 Q What about Benjamin? A He ought to be too.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 599, #2803, Grace Vann, Illinois District.

Page 599, #2103, Benjamin Vann, Illinois District.

BY MR. W. W. HASTINGS, Cherokee Representative:

- Q What is your oldest child's name? A Lucinda Rowe.  
 Q Was she the oldest child you have got? A Oldest.  
 Q Is that the oldest child your husband ever had? A I don't know.  
 Q Did he have a child by him living with another woman?  
 A No, sir.  
 Q Did you ever raise a child? A Yes, sir, I had a child living with me, that is my daughter's name.  
 Q What is his name? A Charley Rowe.

The 1896 Census Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 422, #693, Benjamin (or Greenleaf) Vann, Cooweescoowee

Page 422, #544, Grace Vann, Cooweescoowee Dist.

BY COM'R HENDLES:

- Q Grace, have you and your husband lived in the Cherokee Nation for the last 30 years? A I never was out of the Nation in my life.  
 Q How about Ben? A Ben has been in the Cherokee Nation.  
 Q Have you got any children under 21 years of age? A No, sir.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

- Q Did you ever have a boy by the name of Albert? A Yes, sir.  
 Q I kept asking you and you would say no? A The one with me was Robert Tucker and Charley Rowe and Albert Tucker is the boy.

COM'R HENDLES: Grace Vann applies for the enrollment of herself and her husband, Benjamin Vann. They are both duly identified upon the census roll of 1896 and the authenticated roll of 1880. They are duly identified and make satisfactory proof of residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

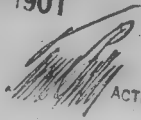
J. B. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day, 1901.

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Cherokee X. No. 661

*W. A. R.*





Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ann Sanders for the enrollment of herself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Ann Sanders, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Ann Sanders.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 47 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Hayden.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My children.  
Q How many? A I have got three under age and two married.  
Q Give me the names of those under age? A Belle Sanders.  
Q How old is Belle? A She will be 16 the 28th of last January.  
Q The next one? A Benjamin.  
Q How old is Benjamin? A He was 13 the 11th day of last November.  
Q What is the next one? A Jennette.  
Q How old is she? A She was 10 years old the last March.  
Q Are you married? A No, sir.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir, I always have been.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q You never applied for enrollment in any other tribe or Nation?  
A No, sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A My mother went by her owners name, the Sanders.  
Q What was her first name? A We always enrolled by that name.  
Q Her given name? A Jennie.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q What was your father's name? A My father's name is Charlie Wofford, but I never go by his name.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q The maiden name you went by is Sanders? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Ann Sanders identified thereon, page 183, No. 2857, Ann Sanders, Cooweescoowee district.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Ann Sanders on page 420, No. 569, Cooweescoowee district;  
Belle Sanders on page 420, No. 571, Cooweescoowee district;  
Benjamin Sanders on page 420, No. 572, Cooweescoowee district, as Ben Sanders.  
Jennette Sanders on page 420, No. 573, Cooweescoowee district, as Jennie Sanders.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now, do you? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Ann Sanders applies for the enrollment of herself and three children, Belle, Benjamin and Jennette. She is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896. The names of her three children, Belle, Benjamin and Jennette, are identified upon the census roll of 1896. She makes satisfactory proof of residence, and said applicant and her three children will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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THE SECRETARY - A.

It is the duty of the Secretary to see that all communications to the President of the Senate are correctly recorded and presented and that in every case, the recording is a true and complete statement of the substance of the matter.

Charles Jones

There is one additional matter to be done in this case.

W. H. McNamee

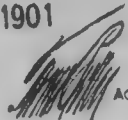
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *May 20<sup>th</sup> 1901*  
 Post Office *Hayden, S. C.*  
 District *Row*

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife *Ann Sanders* Age *47*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *183* No. *2837* District *Row*

Parents:

Father *Charley Hafford* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother *Jennie Sanders* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|                         |                  |                 |                |                  |           |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|
| 2. <i>Belle Sanders</i> | Year <i>1896</i> | Page <i>420</i> | No. <i>571</i> | Dist. <i>Row</i> | <i>16</i> |
| 3. <i>Benjamin</i>      | Year <i>1896</i> | Page <i>420</i> | No. <i>572</i> | Dist. <i>"</i>   | <i>13</i> |
| 4. <i>Hendrie</i>       | Year <i>1896</i> | Page <i>420</i> | No. <i>573</i> | Dist. <i>"</i>   | <i>10</i> |
| 5. <i>"</i>             | Year _____       | Page _____      | No. _____      | Dist. _____      |           |
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Application made by *No 1*

Stenographer *B. C. Jones*

*No 1 on 1880 roll as*  
*No 1 on 1880 roll Page 420 No 571, Row Dist*  
*No 3 on 1896 roll as Ben Sanders*  
*No 4 " " " Jennie "*

*Freedmen 874*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
BUREAU, D. C., JANUARY 8TH, 1905.

Testimony taken for the purpose of showing that Belle Sanders, Cherokee Freedman Roll No. 2096, Cherokee Freedman Roll Card, Field No. 871, was married to Tom Smith on July 8, 1901, and that her proper name is now Belle Smith.

Belle Smith, being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Belle Smith.  
Q How old are you? A 19.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Centralia.  
Q Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you resided in the Cherokee Nation? A Been living here all the time.  
Q Born here? A Yes sir.  
Q What's your mother's name? A Ann Sanders.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q What's your father's name? A Johnson Thompson.

Witness is identified upon as Belle Sanders, Roll of Cherokee Freedmen No. 2096, Cherokee Freedman Roll Card, Field No. 871.

- Q You say your name is Belle Smith? A Yes sir.  
Q You married? A Yes sir.  
Q Who did you marry? A Tom Smith.  
Q When were you married to him? A 8th of July, 1901.  
Q Are you living with him? A Yes sir.  
Q Been living with him ever since you were married to him? A Yes sir.  
Q Your present name is Belle Smith? A Yes sir.

(Witness excused)

Jessie Davies, stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, having been first duly sworn, states that she reported all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 8th day of January, 1905, and that the above is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Jessie Davies*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this January 8, 1905.

*Chas. H. Sawyer*  
Notary Public.



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Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C., May 21, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Katie Vann for the enrollment of herself and three children in the Five Civilized Tribes, to-wit: Katie Vann, her husband, and three children, as shown by the enrollment card filed in this case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of the stenographic notes thereof.

Q Now is your name? A Katie Vann.  
Q How old are you? A About 35.  
Q What is your present address? A Lawrence, Kansas.  
Q How many children do you have? A Three.  
Q The year of birth of each of the children? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1888? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever wish to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A All of my children live with me, but they are grown all but three.  
Q How many have you not with you? A Three, Mary, Katie, and John.  
Q The next name? A Katie, 18.  
Q What is the next one? A John.  
Q How old is John? A 14.  
Q Are you married? A No, sir, I am a widow.  
Q What was your husband's name? A Sam Vann.  
Q He is living? A No, sir.  
Q The 1888 enrollment roll of Charles Freedmen examined and the applicant Katie Vann identified thereon, page 182, No. 2088, do you recognize that? A Yes.  
Q The 1888 census roll of Charles Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows: Katie Vann on page 432, No. 581, do you recognize that, as Katie Vann?  
Q Mary Vann on page 432, No. 582, do you recognize that?  
Q Katie Vann on page 432, No. 583, do you recognize that?  
Q Katie Vann on page 432, No. 584, do you recognize that?  
Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q They were born and raised in the Charles Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q You have always lived in the Charles Nation? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Katie Vann applies for the enrollment of herself and three children, Mary, John, and Katie. She is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1888 as well as the census roll of 1888. The names of her three children are identified upon the census roll of 1888. They make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Katie Vann and her three children as enumerated herein will be duly listed for enrollment as Charles Freedmen.

Ernest C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of the stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of May, 1901.

Commissioner.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, N.T., May 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Katie Vann for the enrollment of herself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Katie Vann, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Katie Vann.  
Q How old are you? A About 98.  
Q What is your post office address? A Lenepah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Goo-wee-soo-wee.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A All of my children lives with me, but they are grown all but three.  
Q How many have you got under age? A Three, Mary —  
Q How old is Mary? A She is 20.  
Q The next one? A Katie, 18.  
Q What is the next one? A Jettie.  
Q How old is Jettie? A 14.  
Q Are you married? A No, sir, I am a widow.  
Q What was your husband's name? A Sam Vann.  
Q He isn't living? A No, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Katie Vann identified thereon, page 193, No. 3068, Goo-wee-soo-wee district.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Katie Vann on page 425, No. 681, Goo-wee-soo-wee district, as Katy Vann;

Mary Vann on page 425, No. 685, Goo-wee-soo-wee district.

Katie Vann on page 425, No. 686, Goo-wee-soo-wee district.

Jettie Vann on page 425, No. 688, Goo-wee-soo-wee district.

- Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q They were born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Katie Vann applies for the enrollment of herself and three children, Mary, Katie and Jettie. She is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. The names of her three children are identified upon the census roll of 1896. They make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Katie Vann and her three children as enumerated herein will be duly listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a, true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 21st of May, 1901.

*J. H. Needles*

Commissioner.

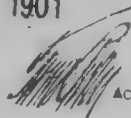
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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.



MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1901  
Hesabah, D.C.  
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1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|         |           |          |         |            |    |
|---------|-----------|----------|---------|------------|----|
| 1. Mary | Year 1896 | Page 425 | No. 685 | Dist. Sevo | 20 |
| 2. Katy | Year 1896 | Page 425 | No. 686 | Dist. "    | 18 |
| 3. John | Year 1896 | Page 425 | No. 688 | Dist. "    | 14 |
| 6.      | Year      | Page     | No.     | Dist.      |    |
| 7.      | Year      | Page     | No.     | Dist.      |    |
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Application made by

Stenographer

No 1  
~~No 10 1890 roll~~  
No 10 1896 roll Page 425 No 681. Katy Vann, Sevo

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Cherokee F-872.

Allotment 2099.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Tahlequah, I. T., March 7, 1908.

In the matter of the application of Katie Vann for the enrollment of herself and children, Mary, Katie and Jettie Vann, as Cherokee Freedmen. No. F-872.

KATIE TAYLOR, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:—

- Q What is your name? A Katie Taylor now; I started in Katie Vann.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 58.  
Q What is your post-office? A Tahlequah.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir, I am married.  
Q Have you married since you filed? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Manuel Taylor.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A He's an adopted citizen.  
Q When did you marry? A Along in November; the 30th, I believe, of November.  
Q What year? A 1904.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.

BY THE COMMISSION:

A set of this testimony will be filed in Cherokee allotment case No. F-2099.

Joe Chambers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 8th day of March, 1908.

Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Mary Mann  
a citizen of the

Nation.

1902

Approved

Commissioner

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MEETING CHAIRMAN

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Mary Kann

a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

1902

Commissioner

COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO THE DEATH OF  
MARY KANN  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,**  
**COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.**

In the matter of the death of \_\_\_\_\_

(Here insert name of deceased.)

a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, who formerly resided at or near

\_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter., and died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of

(Here insert name of postoffice.)

\_\_\_\_\_, 1 \_\_\_\_\_.

**AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }

Northern INDIAN TERRITORY, District. }

I, Katy Vann, on oath state that I am 57 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that my post office address is Lennapah, Ind. Ter.; that I am

(Here insert name of post office.)

Mother of Mary Vann, (State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;

and that said Mary Vann died on the 19th day of

(Here insert name of deceased.)

October, 1902, her

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { G. W. Pagon  
M. Vannillee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Dec, 1902

My Commission expires Sept. 18th, 1905.

Wm. E. Twichell  
Notary Public.

**AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }

Northern INDIAN TERRITORY, District. }

I, W. L. Stephens M.D., on oath state that I am 44 years of age, and a citizen, of the U. S. Nation;

that my post office address is Lennapah, Ind. Ter.;

(Here insert name of post office.)

that I was personally acquainted with Mary Vann, (Here insert name of deceased.)

who was a citizen, by Blood, of the Cherokee Nation;

and that said Mary Vann died on the 19th day of

(Here insert name of deceased.)

October, 1902.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { \_\_\_\_\_  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Dec, 1902

My Commission expires Sept. 18th, 1905.

Wm. E. Twichell  
Notary Public.

FIELD NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application  
for Enrollment  
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE.

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The above is a true and correct copy of the original as the same was presented to the undersigned by the person who presented it to the undersigned.

At Washington, D. C., the following information was obtained from the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Warfare, Bureau of War Relocation Administration, and the War Relocation Authority:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th of May, 1941.

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Report as to Robert Martin.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winnipeg, I.T., May 6, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Frank Martin for the enrollment of himself and his brother Robert Martin as Cherokee Freedmen.

Frank Martin, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Frank Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 37 years old.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A My brother that is in Fort Leavenworth.  
Q You have a brother in prison? A Yes, sir.  
Q You want to enroll then just yourself and your brother? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum, I.T.  
Q In what district do you live? A Delaware.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Wilson Martin.  
Q Is your father dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A Three years the third day of this coming August.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Patsy Martin.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Eight years the 12th of last March.  
Q Have you always been recognized and enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your brother? A Robert Martin.  
Q How old is he? A 25 years old.  
Q Is he your full brother? A Yes, sir.  
Q Same father and same mother? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is his post office the same as yours? A Yes, sir.  
Q He is now at Fort Leavenworth? A Yes, sir.  
Q When was he sent to prison? A He was sent there a year ago last March.  
Q For how long a time was he sent? A Three years.  
Q Where was he sentenced? A Muskogee.  
Q Has he lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life except while in prison? A Yes, sir.  
Q Does your brother have any other name besides Robert? A We just nick-named him Blunt Martin, but his right name was Robert.  
Q Do you ever call him General Blunt? A Yes, sir, we always called him General Blunt.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee citizens examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Frank Martin on page 283, No. 1633, Delaware district, adopted Freedman.  
Q Your mother was called Martha as well as Patsy, was she?  
A Yes, sir.  
Robert Martin on page 283, No. 1616, Delaware district, as Gen. Blunt Martin, adopted colored.  
The 1880 census roll of Cherokee citizens examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Frank Martin on page 354, No. 108, Delaware district, adopted colored.  
Robert Martin on page 354, No. 86, Delaware district, as Gen. Blunt Martin, adopted colored.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and a brother, who is said to be in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

His brother is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and

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... as a ... brother. He is said to have lived in the ...  
... all his life, except during his present term of ...  
... at ... Kansas. This brother will now be ...  
... as a ... brother on a ... card ...  
... to consult the ... records at ...  
... to do so, and to verify the fact ...  
... brother ...

... Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to ...  
... the ... and ... he correctly recorded the ...  
... and ... in the above case, and the foregoing is a ...  
... and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Robert C. Jones*

Subscribed before me this 10th day of May, 1931.

*W. H. ...*

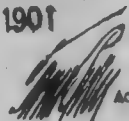
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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 6 1901.

Post Office

St. Kittum D.C.

District

Delaware

1. Name

Robert Martin

Age

23

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

1616

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Wilson Martin dead

Citizenship

Colored

Mother

Patsy

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Frank Martin

Stenographer

B.C. Jones

On 1880 roll as

- Sen Blunk Martin

On 1880 roll Page 234 No 86, no Sen Blunk Martin Del Dist.

"Sen Ben"



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Felix Martin - 3.

Q I am trying to find out how long after they were married before  
this child was born? A I can't state that.  
Q Is your daughter on any roll? A No, sir.

The 1888 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the name  
of Felix Martin not found thereon.  
The 1888-1889 roll examined and the name of Felix Martin  
not found thereon.

Q On what over: The applicant applies for the enrollment  
of a child, Felix Martin, said to have been born on the 5th of  
April, 1884, and to be the child of the applicant's brother,  
Robert Martin, who is enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman on Card  
D-188; and it is further stated that the mother of this child  
is called Martha Lyons, formerly the wife of Robert Martin.  
It is shown by personal testimony that neither Robert Martin  
nor this woman were ever previously married, and that they  
were married something like seven or eight years ago; that  
they apparently lived together for a while while and then  
separated. The mother is not identified upon any roll, and  
there is no evidence adduced that she has any right of herself  
as a Cherokee Freedman or citizen, and the child is not iden-  
tified upon any roll, but for further consideration of the  
evidence in the case, the child will now be listed for enroll-  
ment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card, on the card  
with its father, D-188, and a certificate of birth is required  
to be filed for the child.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th of May, 1901.

Commissioner.

File with GF. D-189.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 14, 1901.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Felix Martin, son of Robert Martin, as a Cherokee Freedman.

Frank Martin, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Frank Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 27 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Ketchum.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you want to apply for the enrollment of a child of your brother, Robert Martin? A Yes, sir.  
Q I see that you applied for the enrollment of your brother a few days ago, Case D-189? A Yes, sir.  
Q Now what is the name of this child? A Felix Martin.  
Q How old is this child? A 6 years old, I think.  
Q Was this child born on the 5th of April, 1894? A Yes, sir, I think he was.  
Q Then he is 7 years old last April? A Yes, sir.  
Q You apply for this child as being a Cherokee Freedman do you?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of the mother of this child? A Martha Lyons.  
Q This child is living now is it? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Martha Lyons living or dead? A She is living.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A She claims to be.  
Q How old is Martha Lyons? A I don't know, her father is right here, he can tell.  
Q Was Martha Lyons ever married to this man Robert Martin? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Jesse Rowe.  
Q He is alive is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of her mother? A Amelia.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where is Martha Lyons living now? A She lives out in Delaware district.  
Q When did she and Robert Martin marry? A I don't know, sir.  
I can't tell exactly what year they were married in.  
Q What age is Martha Lyons? A I don't know, 25 I reckon.  
Q Is the child living with its mother? A With its grandmother.  
Q On the father's side? A No, sir, on the mother's side, his father's side is dead.  
Q Well, why are you applying for the child, why doesn't the mother apply? A I don't know, sir, she just made out that paper and told me to put it on the roll with my brother for she had married another man since he had been gone to the penitentiary.  
Q What is her name at present, Martha Lyons? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is there a regularly appointed guardian for this child in any of the Courts here? A I don't know.  
Q When did you say Martha Lyons and your brother Robert were married? A I can't tell you what year it was, they were married according to Cherokee laws.  
Q Have you a marriage license or certificate? A No, sir, I haven't with me, she might have that; the Clerk of the Cherokee Nation married them.  
Q Is there anybody here by whom you can establish your that marriage? A No, sir, there is a gentleman right there witnessed it, her father was right there when they were married.  
Q Was your brother ever married before he married this woman Martha Lyons? A No, sir.

Jesse Rowe, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner

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Breakinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Jesse Rowe.
- Q How old are you? A I don't know just exactly how old I am, I am somewhere between 52 and '5.
- Q What is your post office? A Ketchum.
- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have lived here about ten years, settled down.
- Q Where did you live before that? A I lived in Texas.
- Q You are not a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir, I am a claimant here.
- Q Are you the father of a woman known as Martha Lyons? A Yes, sir.
- Q Is she married at present to a man named Lyons? A Yes, sir.
- Q She was married once before, wasn't she? A Yes, sir.
- Q What was the name of her former husband? A Blount Martin we always called him.
- Q Was he the same as Robert Martin? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long since he and your daughter were married? A It has been somewhere between seven and eight years, I don't know just exactly.
- Q Was your daughter ever married before she married him? A No, sir.
- Q How long did they live together? A Didn't live together any while, just a little while.
- Q About how long? A I would say about a month or hardly that long after they married, he went to Kansas and knocked around a while and got into trouble and went off.
- Q Were they married by a preacher? A Blount Martin, he was married by the Clerk of the Cherokee Nation, John Duncan I think his name was.
- Q Did they get out a license? A I don't know sir whether he did or not, I guess he did, he was the Clerk and they were married in the Clerk's office.
- Q Were you present? A I was there just after he married, I didn't see them stand up, they were married in the Court house and I came in just after the marriage taken place.
- Q Did they after that live together as husband and wife? A I can't say they did, I thought that maybe they did, they were married and living in town and I was living on the Grand River away down to Ketchum where I am living now. I don't know just how long they stayed together, I just say a month and maybe longer.
- Q Do you know whether they lived together for a while as husband and wife? A I can't swear for that, I seen him near this town, they claimed to be man and wife, married to her, and I know they lived a while together. I can't swear to it.
- Q They broke up, parted, right soon? A Yes, sir, he was a right young man, just a wild fellow, and I can't say nothing about how long or how they got along or nothing about it.
- Q What is the name of that child? A Felix.
- Q Is that the only child your daughter has? A She has got one more by Lyons.
- Q That is a younger child than Felix of course? A Yes, sir, that one was enrolled here with Lyons here the other day, the younger one.
- By J.R. Davenport, attorney for Cherokee Nation: How long after she was married until this child was born, about how long? A I don't know, sir, just exactly how long it was, I can't swear.
- Q Was it something like a year? A Oh no, sir, I guess not.
- Q How long after they separated until this child was born? A I don't know just exactly that neither, I can't swear to it.
- Q Do you know whether it was eight or ten months or a year after they separated? A I know it wasn't ten months from my knowledge of raising children, I can say that myself.
- Q I am not asking you from your knowledge of what nature may do, I am asking you what are the facts in this case: sometimes people raise them that are not married at all. A These were married, I

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saw them myself.

Q I am trying to find out how long after they were married before this child was born? A I can't state that.

Q Is your daughter on any roll? A No, sir.

~~Frank Martin, resident of the same place.~~  
The 1898 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the name of Felix Martin not found thereon.  
The Kerns-Clifton roll examined and the name of Felix Martin not found thereon.

Commissioner: The applicant applies for the enrollment of a child, Felix Martin, said to have been born on the 5th of April, 1894, and to be the child of the applicants brother, Robert Martin, who is enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman on Card D-189; and it is further stated that the mother of this child is called Martha Lyons, formerly the wife of Robert Martin. It is shown by personal testimony that neither Robert Martin nor this woman were ever previously married, and that they were married something like seven or eight years ago; that they apparently lived together for a while and then separated. The mother is not identified upon any roll, and there is no evidence adduced that she has any right of herself as a Cherokee Freedman or citizen, and the child is not identified upon any roll, but for further consideration of the evidence in the case, the child will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card, on the card with its father, D-189, and a certificate of birth is required to be filed for the child.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 15th of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

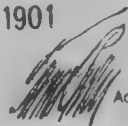
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 14, 1901

Post Office

District

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Mother

2. Name of wife

Owner's name

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Parents:

Father

Mother

Robert Martin - living

Martha Lyons - living

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Names of Children:

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Application made by

Frank Martin

Stenographer

B. C. Jones

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Entered on card D 189;



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Felix Martin*

as a citizen of

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Felix Martin, born on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1894.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Robert Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Martha Lyons, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Ketchum

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Martha Lyons, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I ~~was~~ was the lawful wife of Robert Martin, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1894; that said child has been  
named Felix Martin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

H. F. Bailey

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## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Emelia Rowe, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Martha Lyons, wife of Elias Lyons,  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1894; that there was born to her on  
said date a Felix Martin child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Minnie Downing  
Harriet Anderson

Emelia Rowe  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winita, I. T., May 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of General Blunt Martin for  
the enrollment of himself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen.  
General Blunt Martin, being duly sworn and examined by Commis-  
sioner Needles, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A General Blunt Martin.  
Q Your age is it? A Well, I am 24, was the 14th of this  
last January.  
Q We have upon our rolls one Robert Martin, on the Cherokee rolls  
as General Blunt Martin. Are you the identical man? A I am the  
man.  
Q You were in the penitentiary, were you? A Yes, sir, I was;  
I made my arrival here yesterday.  
Q And just arrived here yesterday? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you any children? A Yes, sir, I have one.  
Q Named Felix? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Felix Martin living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Martin what was the name of his mother? A Martha Rowe.  
Q Were you married to her? A Yes, sir.  
Q Before the birth of the child? A Yes, sir.  
Q Well you have been enrolled as Robert Martin; that isn't your  
proper name and you desire to be enrolled as General Blunt Martin?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Your name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as General  
Blunt Martin? A As General Blunt Martin, yes, sir.

Commissioner: The records show that the applicant has  
been enrolled on the 6th of May, 1901, by this Commission as  
Robert Martin, on doubtful card D-188. He was placed upon a  
doubtful card for the reason that he was at that time incor-  
porated in the penitentiary, and couldn't be present himself. He  
now presents himself in person, having been liberated, and  
asks that his name be properly enrolled as General Blunt Martin,  
as his name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. The  
name of Robert Martin and his son Felix will be changed from  
doubtful card D-188 to a straight card and he will be enrolled  
as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce O. Jones, being duly sworn, says that an stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st of May, 1901.

Commissioner.

Supplemental D-189  
(D-189 transferred to straight card.)

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winita, I. T., May 26, 1901.

In the matter of the application of General Blunt Martin for the enrollment of himself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen.

General Blunt Martin, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A General Blunt Martin.  
Q Your age is 23 is it? A Well, I am 24, was the 14th of this last January.  
Q We have upon our rolls one Robert Martin, on the Cherokee rolls as General Blunt Martin. Are you the identical man? A I am the man.  
Q You were in the penitentiary, were you? A Yes, sir, I was; I made my arrival here yesterday.  
Q And just arrived here yesterday? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you any children? A Yes, sir, I have one.  
Q Named Felix? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Felix Martin living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Martha what was the name of its mother? A Martha Rowe.  
Q Were you married to her? A Yes, sir.  
Q Before the birth of the child? A Yes, sir.  
Q Well you have been enrolled as Robert Martin; that isn't your proper name and you desire to be enrolled as General Blunt Martin?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Your name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as General Blunt Martin? A As General Blunt Martin, yes, sir.

Commissioner: The records show that the applicant has been enrolled on the 6th of May, 1901, by this Commission as Robert Martin, on doubtful card D-189. He was placed upon a doubtful card for the reason that he was at that time incarcerated in the penitentiary, and couldn't be present himself. He now presents himself in person, having been liberated, and asks that his name be properly enrolled as General Blunt Martin, as his name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. The name of Robert Martin and his son Felix will be changed from doubtful card D-189 to a straight card and he will be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce G. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 21st of May, 1901.

W. H. Needles

Commissioner.

2. I do hereby and swear to before me this 11th day of May, 1903.

Transcript of his statement and notes thereon.

entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete  
Communication to the Five Civilized Tribes he has ordered the above  
lease O. C. Carr on oath states that as stenographer to the

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Q. You have never married since.  
A. No, sir.  
Q. She has married since.  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Of course it was limited.  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Are you and your wife divorced?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Is this child Felix living with you?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. He is older than you, isn't he?  
A. Yes, sir.

Q. Your home has been in the Cherokee Nation all your life?  
A. Yes, sir.

Q. He is older than you, isn't he?  
A. Yes, sir.

Q. With my mother, Jim Martin.  
A. Who have you made your home with since your parents, deceased?

Q. With my mother, Jim Martin.  
A. Who have you made your home with since your parents, deceased?

Q. Lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since the war?  
A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are they both dead?

Q. Yes, sir.  
A. Yes, sir.

Q. Knowledge, has been dead 11 or 12 years.  
A. Yes, sir.

Q. When did they die?  
A. My mother, to the best of my  
knowledge, she both dead.  
Q. Are your parents living?  
A. No, sir; my father and

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, February 27th, 1903.

In the matter of the application of  
General Blunt Martin for the enrollment  
of himself and son, Felix Martin, as  
Cherokee Freedmen.

Cherokee F-873.

General Blunt Martin, being duly sworn, testified as follows:--

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. State your name? A. General Blunt Martin.
- Q. How old are you? A. 26 years old.
- Q. What is your post office? A. My post office is Ketchum, I. T. when I am at home.
- Q. Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You are the same General Blunt Martin whose name appears on the roll of 1880 in Delaware district? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Are you married? A. I have been married.
- Q. What is your wife's name? A. My wife's name was Martha Rowe. She was a state woman.
- Q. When were you married to her? A. I was married to her in '92, if I am not mistaken; January.
- Q. Did you get a marriage certificate? A. Why, I went before the Commissioner, Judge McClure, United States Commissioner. The fact of the matter is she called me on a marriage contract. She was a state woman. She Cherokee Nation refused to issue a license. John Duncan was clerk at the time.
- Q. When did your wife die? A. She didn't die. We separated eventually and she married again. She married a man by the name of Lyons.
- Q. How long did you live with her? A. Something like 8 or 10 months.
- Q. Did you have any children by her? A. Yes, sir; we had one child.
- Q. What is its name? A. Felix Martin.
- Q. When was that child born? A. Why, I couldn't positively say but in the spring of the same year we were married.
- Q. How long after you were married? A. To the best of my recollection it was some four or five months.
- Q. How do you know this Felix is your child? A. Well, she swore it was before the court.
- Q. You have no reason to doubt it. A. I have no reason to doubt it. Of course if they let me and ~~girl~~ the girl settle it it would have been all right. I wasn't able to marry.
- Q. How long have you lived in the Cherokee? A. I have lived here all my life.
- Q. Never lived anywhere else? A. Well, I lived in the Creek Nation at the time but I was in custody at the time.
- Q. Never lived in the states? A. No, sir.
- Q. Where did you get acquainted with this woman? A. They come from Texas here claiming a right. They are here yet. They claimed a right but they put them on a rejected card.



Q. Are your parents living? A. No, sir, my father and mother are both dead.

Q. When did they die? A. My mother, to the best of my knowledge, has been dead 11 or 12 years. My father died 12 years ago.

Q. Are they both Cherokee Freedmen? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since the war? A. My mother did, but my father rode marshal with his headquarters at Fort Smith.

Q. Where have you made your home with since your parents' death?

A. With my brother, Jim Martin.

Q. Where is his home? A. His home is at Cowden.

Q. What is his name? A. James Martin.

Q. He is older than you? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Your home has been in the Cherokee Nation all your life?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is this child Felix living with you? A. Yes, sir. Well, he stays with my brother. I am not married now.

Q. Are you and your wife divorced? A. She made application for a divorce and I never appeared. Of course it was granted.

Q. She has married since? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You have never married since? A. No, sir.

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Jesse D. Carr on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1905.

*Jesse D. Carr*

*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, February 28th, 1903.

In the matter of the application of  
General Blunt Martin for the enrollment  
of himself and son, Felix Martin, as  
Cherokee Freedmen.

Cherokee #F-873.

Bert Lynch, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. State your name? A. Bert Lynch.  
Q. How old are you? A. 29 years old.  
Q. What is your post office? A. Vinita.  
Q. Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir;  
Cherokee by blood.  
Q. Do you know General Blunt Martin? A. I know Blunt; yes,  
sir.  
Q. Do you know his wife Martha? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Do you remember when they were married? A. I remember  
they was married but I don't remember the year.  
Q. Did you see them married? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Who married them? A. John Duncan.  
Q. Who was John Duncan? A. He was clerk. He was arrested  
before that.  
Q. What was he arrested for? A. This girl had him arrested.  
Q. John Duncan married them? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. You saw him marry them? A. I guarded him. I was  
guarding him. At the time he was arrested.  
Q. You saw Duncan perform the ceremony? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Do you know his child Felix? A. Why, I have seen him  
but I wouldn't know him from any other child.  
Q. How long did they live together after that? A. I don't  
know.  
Q. You know they did live together? A. I couldn't tell you.  
Q. You simply know they were married? A. I simply know  
they were married. I know they were married. I was guarding him.  
Q. This girl accused Martin of being the father of a child  
to which she expected to give birth? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. That child was born after they were married? A. Yes, sir;  
the child was born after they were married.

Jesse O. Carr on oath states that as stenographer to the  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above  
entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete  
transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1903.

*Jesse O. Carr*  
*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of May, 1901.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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VINITA, I.T., MAY 21st, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Leonard Landrum for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen; said Landrum being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William Leonard Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 31.  
Q What is your post office? A Chaffee.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Did you ever apply to any other Nation or tribe for enrollment?  
A No, sir.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself, Mr. Landrum?  
A My wife.  
Q No children? A No, sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Lucy Eaton.  
Q Lucy Landrum isn't it? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is she? A About 19 years old I guess.  
Q What is her father's name? A Tom Eaton.  
Q He is living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Alice Lynch.  
Q Is your wife a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is her mother's name on the roll of 1880?  
A I don't know.  
Q Is her name? A Yes, sir.  
Q When were you married to her? A I was married about the 30th or 31st of March, 1901.  
Q Have you any certificate of marriage? A Yes, sir.  
Q With you? A Yes, sir.  
BY L. B. BELL, Cherokee Representative: Who was your father?  
A George Landrum.  
BY COM'R NEEDLES: Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Caroline.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon:

Page 645, #668, Wm. L. Landrum, Saline District.

- Q Is your name on the roll of 1896? A Yes, sir.

The 1896 Census Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and names of applicants not found thereon.

- Q Is that (a name on the roll) supposed to be your wife?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Why? A There is not any other Lynch in that district.  
Q You have examined the rolls have you? A No, sir.  
Q How do you know her name is on the roll of 1880? A I know it ought to be on there.  
Q Her mother's name is not on there? A Her father is on there.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your wife must be more than 19 years of age if she is on the 1880 roll? A I don't know no more than that she is supposed to be on there.  
Q Is her father living, Tom? A Yes, sir, he has been enrolled.  
Q Did your wife have any brothers or sisters? A Yes, sir.  
Q What are their names? A Why her brothers is named Earl Lynch and Willie Lynch, and then she has got a brother named Steven Eaton.  
Q Has she got any other? A She has got some other but I don't remember their names.



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Q Has she got one Johnanna? A Johnanna that is a girl.  
Q Was Tom Eaton ever married before he married the mother of your wife? A I think not.  
Q Was he ever married at all to Alice Lynch? A Yes, sir, I suppose he was; yes, sir, he was married.  
Q What is your wife's oldest brother's name? A Steven Eaton.  
Q What is the next one's name, next child? A Johnanna.  
Q Do you know a child named Lovely Eaton? A Yes, sir, that is her sister.  
Q Your wife's sister? A Yes, sir.  
Q Why didn't you say so when I asked you? A Well Johnanna and Lovely.

ALICE LYNCH being sworn and examined by Commissioner T.P. Needles, testified as follows:

Q Is your name Alice Lynch? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A About 30 years old.  
Q Are you the mother of Lucy Landrum? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is she? A About 18 or 19 years old.  
Q You could not have been but about eleven years old then when she was born? A I must have been a little older than that.  
Q Who was Lucy Landrum's father? A Tom Eaton.  
Q Were you married to him? A No, sir.  
Q Did you live with him as man and wife? A Yes, sir, we lived together.  
Q About how long? A About two years.  
Q Was Lucy born while you were living together? A Yes, sir.  
Q Lucy was born while you and he were living together as man and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she married? A Yes, sir.  
Q To whom? A Leonard Landrum.  
Q William Leonard Landrum? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know whether her name is on the roll of 1880 or not? A I don't know, it ought to be.  
Q Well, she was not born then was she? A I don't know whether she was born then or not, I don't know when that was.  
Q Why do you think it ought to be? A All I can tell you why I think it ought to be, I have been here ever since I have been born and she has too and it looks like we both ought to be.  
Q Is Lucy Landrum your oldest child? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did Tom Eaton ever marry? A Yes, sir.  
Q Whom did he marry? A Married Nettie Henry, wasn't it.  
Q Did he Marry Nettie Henry before Lucy Landrum was born or afterwards? A Afterwards.  
Q What was Tom Eaton's wife before he married her? A Nettie Henry.  
Q Do you know her father's name? A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever know a man by the name of Steve Lynch?  
A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever know a woman by the name of Peggie Lynch?  
A No, sir.  
Q Well, after Tom Eaton married Nettie you married did you?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Whom did you marry then? A Married Sam Rogers.  
Q Did you know the name of Tom Eatons older child by his wife?  
A No, sir.  
Q You don't know the names of any of Tom Eaton's children?  
A No, sir, my daughter knows their names but I don't.

BY L. B. BELL, Cherokee Representative:

Q How long have you and Tom Eaton been separated?  
A About 15 years I guess or longer.  
Q Where were you married at? A I wasn't married.  
Q You never were married? A No, sir.



William L. Landrum, et al.--3.

- Q How long did you say you lived together? A About two years.  
Q Did you know this man Evin Eaton? A Yes, I knew him when he was living.  
Q Where did he live? A He lived in Saline District.  
Q Did he have any children? A I could not tell you.  
Q Don't know whether he had a wife or not? A No, sir.  
Q Never about his house? A No, sir.  
Q Just met him out? A I seen him about Aunt Eddie Lynch's.  
Q You were about 11 years old when that child was born was you?  
A I don't know.  
Q You say you are 30 now and say the girl is 19? A I don't know my age just exactly, don't know just how old I am.  
Q Well, you say you were born and raised right here in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

BY COM'R NEEDLES:

- Q But you know this Lucy Landrum here to be your daughter?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q She was born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

WILLIAM L. LANDRUM, the applicant, re-called:

- Q Did you draw what is known as the a trip payment money?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you draw for your wife? A No, sir.  
Q Do you know whether she drew or not, or whether anybody drew for her? A Her mother drew I suppose.

The Kerns-Clifton Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant's wife not found thereon.  
The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife's name or that of her mother not found thereon.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your wife, Lucy, living in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--William L. Landrum applies for the enrollment of himself and his wife, Lucy. He is identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The name of his wife cannot be found upon ~~in~~ any of the rolls in the possession of the Commission. The averment is made that she is the child of Tom Eaton and that her mother's name is Alice Lynch. It is further averred that Tom Eaton and Alice Lynch were not married, but lived together as man and wife, more particularly specified in the testimony. It is averred that the mother of the applicant, Lucy Landrum, is Alice Lynch, and that Alice Lynch is the daughter of Abbie Blythe, who is enrolled on D. Card #257, and the mother of Lucy Landrum, to-wit: Alice Lynch, has this day been enrolled upon Doubtful card #367. Reference is made to the testimony taken in the application of Abbie Blythe, the mother of Alice Lynch, who is the mother of the applicant, Lucy Landrum, and said testimony will be made a part of the record in this case and a copy of the testimony will be filed. Satisfactory proof is made as to the residence of Lucy Landrum and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman upon what is known as a Doubtful card awaiting further consideration of the Commission.

Applicant makes satisfactory proof of his marriage to said Lucy Eaton on the 31st day of March, 1901, and it is filed.

William L. Landrum, et al.

J. S. Rogers, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. S. Rogers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of May, 1901.

*W. L. Landrum*

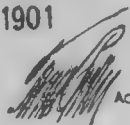
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 26, 1901

Post Office

Chaffee

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District

Saline

1. Name

William L. Landrum

Age

31

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1890

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No.

668

District

Saline

Parents:

Father

Geo. Landrum - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Basoline " - living

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

No. 1

Stenographer

J. C. Rosson

1. On 1890 roll as Wm. L. Landrum

*[Handwritten signature]*

1901 November, the first of the year before we got to the mountain and now we are disappointed

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LAW  
1901

This ceremony will be followed with the signing of the O. P. C. by the Optics name.

THE TESTIMONY OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
REVENUE AND FINANCE  
IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS  
IN THE YEAR 1861

( **BA Blow** )

can probably be conveyed as an allusion on the marriage, whether the said being from some source after the marriage, attention is called to the conversation of the direction as to connecting parties has indicated in the preceding study also declared to be of themselves sufficient, though where one of the references of the question, even of marriage which are of the statement of the question, even of marriage which are requested, and also attention is directed to the question 888 claimed, and the said a mother, referred to be certain of the marriage between the defendant, whose status is not lessened in her own right; in this connection the reference of the final status of the mother in her claim as a Cherokee is called to the rights of the said with persons indigenous to the said with the mother, now residing, and direct attention

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., October, 30, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William L. Landrum for the enrollment of his child Della V. Landrum as a Cherokee freedman. He being sworn by Commissioner O. B. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A William L. Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A I am right at 33 years old.  
Q You have been admitted already for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q And you now have a baby born since your application that you want to have put on the rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Lucy Landrum (C.R. 367).  
Q She is on a doubtful card? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your wife's name when you married her? A Lucy Eaton.  
Q You married her on the 4th of April of this year? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you ever married except to this woman? A Yes sir.  
Q How many times were you married before? A Once.  
Q To whom were you married the first time? A Rosie Bryant.  
Q When did you marry her? A In '85 I think.  
Q Is she dead now? A Living.  
Q How long did you live with Rosie? A 3 years.  
Q Did you and she part? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you get a divorce from her? A No sir.  
Q Just quit did you? A No sir.  
Q Is Rosie married again? A No sir.  
Q Then didn't you marry from that time, say about '87, until this year? A Yes sir.  
Q You never have lived with any woman as husband and wife during that time? A No sir.  
Q And never got a divorce from Rosie? A No sir.  
( By W. W. Hastings, Cherokee attorney )  
Q Was this woman ever married before she married you? A No sir.  
Q Did she have any children before you took up with her? A No sir.  
Q Did she ever live with any one as a husband? A No sir.  
( By L. T. Brown, agent for the applicant )  
Q When you married your first wife alleged wife, Rosie, did you get a license? A No sir.  
( By Hastings )  
Q There was none required then was there? A No sir I guess not.  
( By the Commission )  
Q You married your wife Lucy on the 31st day of March of this year? A Yes sir.  
Q And this child was born on the 28th of July of this year? A Yes sir.  
Q Four months after your marriage? A Yes sir.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of a child born to him and his wife since his he made his original application for the enrollment of himself and wife on the 31st of May 1901. At that time the applicant was listed on Cherokee freedman Straight card #87, and his wife was listed on Cherokee freedman Doubtful card #68, the same being the application of Lucy Landrum. It is developed in the present testimony that along in 1885 the applicant contracted at least a common law marriage with a woman named Rosie; they lived together some two years or more and then parted and there has been no divorce proceedings between them and she is still living. Under these conditions, the applicant procured a license issued by the Clerk of the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory on March 28th of the present year, authorizing his marriage to his present wife and they were married in accordance with said license on the 31st day of the same month in this year. Now the affidavit of birth shows that this child, for whom application is at present made, Della V. Landrum, was born on the 28th of July of the present year, which shows that the child was born about four months after the marriage between its father and mother. This child will not be listed for enrollment on the



birth card with its mother, Lucy Landrum, but special attention is called to the rights this child may possess independently of the final status of its mother in her claim as a Cherokee freedman in her own right; in this connection the legality of the marriage between the applicant, whose status is not disputed, and the child's mother, requires to be carefully considered, and also attention is specially called to Section 628 of the Statutes of the Cherokee Nation, edition of 1898, relating to the legitimacy of the children, even of marriages which are declared to be of themselves unlawful, though where one of the contracting parties has unquestionable citizenship; and also attention is called to the consideration of the question as to whether this child, being born four months after the marriage, can properly be considered as an off-spring of this marriage.

( By Brown )

Q How long was it from the time you and your first wife Rose quit living together until you married your present wife Lucy? A It was about—somewhere between 7 and 8 years, it was maybe longer than that

( By the Commission )

Q The testimony shows that it was 13 or 14 years. A Yes sir I guess it was.

This testimony will be filed with the affidavit of birth in the case of Lucy Landrum, S. P. D. 868, and the child's name will be placed on the card of its mother.

Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 11th of November, 1901

*Chas. von Weise*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

9. 10568

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Alia V. Landrum

as a citizen of

Cherokee, Nation.

Approved,

Oct 30

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Celia V. Landrum, born on the 28 day of July, 1901  
Name of Father William L. Landrum, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother F. L. Landrum, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Chaffee, S.C.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern District. }

Lucy Landrum, on oath state that I am 19  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William L. Landrum, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 28 day of July, 1901, that said child has been  
named Celia V. Landrum, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Lucy Landrum

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of October, 1901.

Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern District. }

I, Abbie Blythe, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lucy Landrum, wife of William L. Landrum  
on the 28 day of July, 1901, that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Celia V. Landrum.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Abbie Blythe  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of October, 1901.

Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Department of Justice  
of Operation Station  
In the matter of the  
application of  
William L. Landrum  
to have enrollment  
of Billie V. Landrum  
reversed.

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Affidavits of  
William L. Landrum  
Lucy Landrum.  
Rec'd Feb - 2, 1905

Chas B Rogers  
S. J. 7. atty.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR--

BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED  
TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of  
WILLIAM LANDRUM to have Celia V. Landrum,  
transferred to enrollement as the child of  
William Landrum--and placed upon the card of  
said William L. Landrum--instead of the enrollement as the  
child of Lucy Landrum, and now on the doubtful list.

*Exhibit 10 512*  
William L. Landrum, being duly sworn upon his oath  
deposes and says that he is the father of Celia V. Landrum, and that  
she was born on the 28th day of July, 1900. That she has lived with  
him ever since said date and that she is now living with him and is  
his legitimate child. That she was enrolled under her mother's name  
Lucy Landrum, and as such she is placed upon a doubtful list according

to the records of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

That she is not in any sense now should she be placed upon any doubt-  
ful list but that she should have been placed upon the card of  
affiant and take her rights from him. That Celia V. Landrum is entitled  
to full citizenship as a Cherokee Freedman and will be so if placed  
upon the card of affiant, her father. That she is entitled to the full  
rights of a Cherokee Freedman and will thus secure them by being  
transferred to the affiant's card and enrolled as his child.

*William L. Landrum*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of July, 1904

*Chas B. Rogers*

Notary Public.

My commission expires February 3th 1908.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:

BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED  
TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of  
WILLIAM L. LANDRUM, to have Gelia V. Landrum,  
transferred to enrollment as the child of  
William L. Landrum and placed upon the card of said William  
L. Landrum, instead of the enrollment as the child of Lucy  
Landrum, and now on the doubtful list.

Lucy Landrum being duly sworn upon her oath deposes  
and says--She is the mother of Gelia V. Landrum, a Cherokee Freedman  
Citizen, born on the 28th day of July, 1900.

That she has lived with myself and my husband William L. Landrum since  
her birth. That she is the legitimate and lawful child of the said  
William L. Landrum, born to him by me.

That she is enrolled under my name on the doubtful list of the Cherokee  
Freedman, when in fact she should not be so enrolled but that she  
should be enrolled as the child of the said William L. Landrum.

That she should be placed upon his card as his child and I ask that  
she be transferred to the straight roll as the child of William L. Landrum  
and as such given all the rights of Cherokee Citizens.

I never did want her listed with me on the doubtful list and have  
heretofore asked that she be transferred to the card of my husband  
where she properly belongs. This request has never yet been complied  
with. I now ask again that she be transferred to the roll so as to  
appear as the child of the said William L. Landrum and claim her  
rights under him.

Lucy Landrum

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of July, 1904.

Chas D. Rogers  
Notary Public.

*My commission expires July 5th 1905*



Cherokee Freedman D 368  
" " 874

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*47ms*

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Celia V. Landrum as a Cherokee Freedman.

O R D E R .

THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW: That, on October 30,  
1901, ~~William L. Landrum~~ appeared before the Commission to the  
Five Civilized Tribes, and made application for the enrollment of  
his minor child, Celia V. Landrum, as a Cherokee freedman, and  
that said minor applicant was duly listed for enrollment on Chero-  
kee Freedman Doubtful card No. 368.

THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE SHOWS: That the said William  
L. Landrum is the father of the minor applicant, Celia V. Landrum,  
is identified on the Cherokee authenticated tribal roll of 1880,  
and has been listed for enrollment by the Five Civilized Tribes  
on Cherokee Freedman card No. 874; that the minor applicant was  
born since 1880, and has continuously resided in the Cherokee Na-  
tion since birth, and is identified by a birth affidavit filed  
herewith and made a part of the record in this case.

THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE FURTHER SHOW: That the said  
William L. Landrum is included in a partial roll of Cherokee freed-  
men approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 16, 1903,  
opposite No. 2103.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: That the enlistment for the  
enrollment of Celia V. Landrum on Cherokee Freedman Doubtful card  
No. 368, be cancelled, and that she be listed for enrollment on  
Cherokee Freedman card No. 874.



COMMISSIONER

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this OCT 7- 1905

Cherokee D-574  
Cherokee FD-100

Tablequah, Indian Territory. July 7, 1904.

William L. Landrum,  
Spavinaw, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of June 21, enclosing an affidavit as to the birth of Rachel Landrum, child of yourself and Lucy Landrum, on April 1, 1902.

In reply you are advised that the records of this Commission fail to show that any application has ever been made to it for the enrollment of your child, Rachel Landrum, as a Cherokee Freedman. It appears that you have been duly enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman, and that your wife Lucy, and child, Gelia V. Landrum, are applicants for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen and that their names are upon a doubtful card. If any application has ever been made for the enrollment of your child, Rachel Landrum, heretofore, you are requested to advise the Commission when, where and under what name the same was made and upon receipt of that information a further effort will be made to identify the application made for your child.

There is quoted for your information, section 30 of the Cherokee Agreement, proclaimed August 12, 1903, which provides:

"During the months of September and October, in the year nineteen hundred and two, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes may receive applications for enrollment of

W. E. Luskman

such infant children as may have been born to recognized and enrolled citizens of the Cherokee Nation on or before the first day of September, nineteen hundred and two, but the application of no person whatsoever for enrollment shall be received after the thirtieth day of October, nineteen hundred and two."

The birth affidavit forwarded by you is returned herewith and you are requested to have your wife subscribe and swear to the same before a Notary Public.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge  
Cherokee Land Office.

WEL  
Encl B-163

CHARLES B. ROGERS,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW.

FIVE SECOND FLOOR  
WATKINS BLOCK. . . .

Vinita, I. T., January 25th, 1905.

Commission to Five Civilized Tribes,

Muscogee, I. T.

SIRS:--

I enclose the application of W. L. Landrum father of Celia V. Landrum to have the name of Celia V. Landrum transferred upon the rolls from the Doubtful Freedman Roll to the Freedman Roll--for the reason that she is his own child and had been improperly listed under the name of her mother who was on ~~and~~ the doubtful roll. I also make application for the enrollment of Rachael Landrum --a child born on the 1st day of April, 1902, and which the department has as yet failed to properly enroll. Please give these matters an early attention.

I am yours truly,

*Charles B. Rogers*

Cherokee Freedmen

COPY

D-368.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 7, 1905.

Charles B. Rogers,

Attorney for William L. Landrum,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of an order of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated October 7, 1905, cancelling the enrollment of Celia V. Landrum, on Cherokee Freedmen card No. D 368, and transferring her name to Cherokee Freedmen card No. 874.

Respectfully,

SIGNED.

*James H. H. H.*

Commissioner.

Incl. S-91

Cherokee Freedmen

COPY

D-368.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 7, 1905.

William L. Landrum,

Chaffee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of an order of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated October 7, 1905, cancelling the enrollment of your minor child, Celia V. Landrum, on Cherokee Freedmen card No. D 368, and transferring her name to Cherokee Freedmen card No. 874.

You are further advised that you will not be permitted to make an allotment selection for your said minor child until her name has been placed upon a schedule of Cherokee freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, of which you will be duly notified.

Respectfully,

W. L. Landrum

Incl. 8-90

J. L. D. [Signature]  
Commissioner.



Cherokee Freedmen

D-368.

copy

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 7, 1905.

Bell, Hastings & Davenport,

Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of an order of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated October 7, 1905, cancelling the enrollment of Celia V. Landrum, on Cherokee Freedmen card No. D 368, and transferring her name to Cherokee Freedmen card No. 874.

Respectfully,

SIGNED,

*James Bixby.*  
Commissioner.

Incl. S-72



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*Commission to Five Civilized Tribes,*

*Muscogee,*

*D. J.*



From C. B. Rogers, Vinita, I. T.



Commission to Five Civilized Tribes  
Muscogee.







Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Walla, S. T., May 21, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lewis D. Daniels for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Patsy Daniels, his one child and two stepchildren as Cherokee Freedmen, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner S. R. Brodhrup, testified as follows:

Q Give me your name? A Lewis D. Daniels.  
Q What is your age? A 55.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Olancho.  
Q In what district do you live? A Olancho.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who is it you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A My wife and two step-children, and a little boy.  
Q Two step-children and one child of your own? A Yes sir.  
Q Are these stepchildren both living at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q And also your own child? A Yes sir, and my wife.  
Q Are all three of these children unmarried? A Yes sir.  
Q Are all three of these children under 21 years of age? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life, sir.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A My father is dead; he was named James Mackey.  
Q How long has your father been dead? A I guess he has been dead about forty years. I was nothing but a little boy when he died.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Winnie Drew.  
Q Is your mother dead? A I don't know; they sold her away before the war.  
Q You don't know anything of her since the days of slavery? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife. A Patsy Daniels.  
Q How old is your wife? A About 42.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman of her own right? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father. A Sam Vann.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A It will be three years in June.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother. A Katie Vann.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir.  
Q When were you and your wife married? A In '91.  
Q Have you a certificate of your marriage? A No sir, just a preacher married us.  
Q How long has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All her life.  
Q Give me the name of your stepchildren? A Alex Vann.  
Q How old is that child? A 18.  
Q The next child? A Nealy Vann.  
Q How old is that child? A She is 14.  
Q Those are the two stepchildren? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your own child? A William H. Daniels.  
Q How old is this child? A Four years old.  
Q Now this child, William H., is the child of your present marriage? A Yes sir.  
Q Are Alex and Nealy the children of your wife by a former marriage? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's first husband? A Dave Vann.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A About eight years, I think, as near as I can get at it.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your wife's name before she married Dave Vann? A Vann; she was Sam and Katie Vann's daughter.  
Q How long were she and Dave Vann married? A They were married in June, '75.  
Q Is there some one here who knows that you and your wife have been living together as husband and wife? A Her mother do, and other people, and my wife is here.

S. H. D. B.

Patsy Daniels, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C.R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name. A Patsy Daniels.

Q How old are you? A Seven.

Q Are you the wife of the applicant here? A Yes sir.

Q What was the name of your former husband? A Dave Vann.

Q What was your name before you married at all? A Patsy Vann.

Q Give me the name of your father? A Sam Vann.

Q Give me the name of your mother. A Katie Vann.

Q About how long have you and Lewis Daniels been married? A We have been married about seven years.

Q You think it is seven years? A Yes sir.

Commissioner of Applicant: Now Lewis Daniels, you thought you were married in 1891? A Yes, I thought so; it must have been about that time.

Q You are not certain just about the time? A No sir, but I think it were about that time.

Patsy Daniels recalled:

Q Have you two children under age by Dave Vann? A Yes sir.

Q What are their names? A Alex and Nealy.

Q How many children have you by this marriage? A Just one.

Q Is that William W.? A Yes sir.

W. W. Hastings: Did you former husband Dave Vann have a wife named Polly? A I am the one; they called me Polly. Polly, Patsy is the way he put it down.

Commissioner: They called you Polly, did they? A Yes sir, Polly Patsy.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

Page 91, No. 846, L. D. Daniels, Cooweescoowee District.

Page 193, 3079, Polly Vann, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 census roll examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

Page 401, No. 127, Lewis D. Daniels, Cooweescoowee Dist.

Page 401, No. 128, Polly Daniels, Cooweescoowee Dist.

Page 428, No. 826, Alexander Vann, Cooweescoowee Dist.

Page 428, No. 607, Neal Vann, Cooweescoowee Dist.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife, and one child and two stepchildren. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Her change of name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory manner, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The two stepchildren, Alex and Nealy Vann, are children of the applicant's wife by a former marriage. These children are minors, and are living at this time; they are duly identified on the roll of 1896, and they will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. The child of the present marriage, William H. Daniels, is too young to be upon any roll. When the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of birth of this child, it also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of the stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May, 1901.

*C. R. Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

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Parents:

Father

Mother

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Parents:

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Names of Children:

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No 1 on 1890 roll as H. D. Daniels

No 1 on 1896 roll Page 401 No 127, 000. Dist

No 2 on 1890 roll as Polly Ann

No 2 on 1896 roll Page 401 No 129, Polly Daniels, 000. Dist

No 3 on 1896 roll as Alexander Ann

No 5 Birth certificate required

No 4 on 1896 roll as Neal Ann

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN 875

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*William C. Daniels*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved,

MAY 21 1901

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation,  
of William L. Daniels, born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1897  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Lewis D. Daniels, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Patsy Daniels, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Claremore, OK.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern District. }

I, Patsy Daniels, on oath state that I am 42  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Lewis D. Daniels, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1897, that said child has been  
named William L. Daniels, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Patsy Daniels

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1901.

J. P. Bludra

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern District. }

I, Katy Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Patsy Daniels, wife of Lewis D. Daniels,  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1897, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named William L. Daniels.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mary Vann  
Lewis L. VannKaty Vann  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1901.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as aforesaid.

for enrolling him as a Chinese resident. After the certificate issued, he with his three sons went to the Chinese Consulate in the city from the clerk of the consular office covering a part of his father's real estate. He has been since that negligent of his duties. The subject's escape from direct taxation from the year 1914 has been through his failure to pay his son's consular tax. That his father has been here since 1914; that it was actually after the certificate of the Chinese Consulate was

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DEPARTMENT  
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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Vinita, I. T., May 31, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Harry Still for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner S. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Harry Still.  
Q How old are you? A I do not know sir; something about fifty.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Hayden.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anyone besides yourself? A No sir.  
Q Just yourself? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, always have been.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Rube Still.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has your father been dead? A I think he has been dead about eleven years.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Maria Whitmire, now Maria Hayden.  
Q She is alive? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

- Q You are not on the 1880 roll, are you? A No sir, I have got some papers. (Hands same to Commissioner.)

The 1896 census roll and the Kerns Clifton Roll examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

- Q Are you on the 1896 roll? A I don't know, sir; I made application at Chelsea.  
Q Did you draw stipend? A Yes sir. I didn't draw ~~money~~ on the Kerns Clifton Roll; I got money from the Wallace Roll.

The Wallace Roll examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 13, No. 284, Harry Still, Cooweescoowee District.

The applicant presents a certificate under date of May 20, 1896, and under the seal of the Cherokee Nation, signed by W. H. Mayes, Assistant Executive Secretary, certifying that by a decision of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation rendered June 7, 1871, Harry Still was admitted to all the rights of Cherokee citizenship entitled under the treaty of July, 1866. This is filed herewith.

The applicant files three permits issued by the Clerk of Cooweescoowee District in the years, '93, '94 and '95, authorizing him to employ certain persons to labor for him. These indicate his residence at the time stated and they are filed herewith.

- Q The certificate of the action of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation in 1871, shows that you were recognized at that time as being entitled to all the rights of a Cherokee citizen under the treaty of 1866. Now I would like for you to account for yourself since 1871. Where were you between 1871 and 1881? A I was up on Lightning Creek, Cherokee Nation.  
Q All the time? A Pretty near all the time. Not all the time; I was there most of the time.  
Q When you were not there, where were you? A Some time here at Vinita, sometime at Geffeyville; some time one place and another, but I have always had my place, property and places on Lightning Creek since 1866.  
Q What would you be doing up at Geffeyville? A Go up there to

trade and one thing and another.

Q Did you go there to stay any time? A No sir, never lived there; never lived there a day in my life.

Q What is the longest time you ever spent up there at once? A I expect I have been there as high as two days at a time.

Q Not any more than that? A No sir.

Q Have you spent any time out of the Cherokee Nation since 1871?

A Yes sir, I have been in the Cherokee Strip.

Q What were you in the Cherokee Strip? A I was in the Cherokee Strip in 1875 and 1876.

Q What were you doing out there? A I herded horses one season and the cattle the next.

Q Just grazing them? A Yes sir.

Q Did you take up any land out there? A No sir.

Q Why are you not on the roll of 1880? A The reason I aint on the roll of 1880, me and my stepmother got in litigation about a cow; she claimed it belonged to her daughter, and I drove the cow off and took her home, and they got out a writ for me and I couldn't get to Rufus Ross to enroll. I was here alright, but I just couldn't enroll that was all. When Rufus Ross made the roll, of course, Judge Starr was the Sheriff, and I was scared to show up, and I didn't show up, but I was home in 1880.

Q On account of the trouble about the cow? A Yes, between me and my stepsister; I took the cow and they got a writ out for me.

Q You were scouting at that time? A Yes sir.

Q Why are you not on the census roll of 1896? A Why when I went to Chelsea to see Judge Clinton and McIntosh, they said we are not enrolling anybody that aint on the '80 roll. This is an act of the Cherokee Nation; we know you, but we can't put you there. The law was enacted so that no person could be put on the '96 roll except they are on the '80 roll. I said I wanted to be enrolled, and he said he would take my name and see what they would do in Council about it. I said if it is possible I would like for you to see about it. He says I can't put you down on the '96 roll unless you are on this '80 roll. I told him I wasn't there, and I tried to show.

Q You think that is the way? A Yes sir, that is the reason I aint on the '96 roll.

Q Why didn't you draw strip money on the Kerns Clifton Roll? A It was an oversight. I went to the Commission every day when they made the roll. I showed my certificate. He said if you go to Tahlequah and get a certificate, and I showed it, and he said it was alright, and the result showed an oversight.

Q You don't know the reason why they left you off? A Yes sir. Robert Kerns and Mr. Thompson both said they endeavored to put me on the roll. I was with them when they made the Darkey Roll.

Q Since 1881, where have you lived? A I lived on Lightning Creek.

Q Continuously? A Yes sir.

Q All the time in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

The applicant shows by the official certificate filed herewith, that he was adjudged by the Supreme Court on June 7, 1871, to be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Cherokee Freedman under the treaty of 1866. He is identified on the Wallace Roll, but not upon the roll of 1880, or upon the census roll of 1896, or upon the Kerns Clifton Roll. He states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation continuously since the decision of the Supreme Court in 1871, not having been absent at any time, except upon occasional brief visits across the line. He had some stock in the Cherokee Strip country that he was simply grazing in that region, and that that territory was then a part of the Cherokee Nation. He explains his omission from the roll of 1880 by showing that he got into a difficulty about a cow and he was scouting at that time. He explains his omission from the roll of 1896 by stating that he was refused enrollment because he was not on the roll of 1880. He explains his omission from the Kerns Clifton Roll by the statement that no objection was made to his enrollment; that he was required to produce



The affidavits of the clerk of the Supreme Court, which he has here produced, are dated; that it was actually sent today to the court for its consideration and that his continued omission from the file and only have arisen through neglect or inadvertence. The applicant establishes his continuous residence at the Cherokee Nation since 1861 in a satisfactory manner, and so has filed some certificates from the clerk of the respective district covering a part of that time, authorizing him to employ laborers in the Cherokee Nation. Under the conditions stated, he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Received and acknowledged by me on this 1st day of May, 1901

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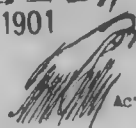
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

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Mother

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no. 1. Harry Still

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(ACT OF NOVEMBER 5TH, 1892.)

No.

Cherokee Nation, COOWEESCOOWEE District.

Permission is hereby granted Harry Steel a citizen  
of the Cherokee Nation, to employ Mo. Borien as a  
journer for the term of One Month from this date.

"No permit shall be issued for a longer period than Dec. 31 of the year in which the permit is issued."

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 1 day of May, 1894.

Joe. Mc Lachay  
Clerk COOWEESCOOWEE District.

Countersigned:

Treasurer of Cherokee Nation

SERIES A.

(ACT OF NOVEMBER 5TH, 1892.)

No. 51

Cherokee Nation, Cooweescoowee District.

Permission is hereby granted Harry Steel a citizen  
of the Cherokee Nation, to employ Willis House as a  
journer for the term of One Month from this date.

"No permit shall be issued for a longer period than Dec. 31 of the year in which the permit is issued."

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 1st day of Dec, 1893.

Joe Mc Lachay  
Clerk Cooweescoowee District.

Countersigned:

Treasurer of Cherokee Nation

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FINE CIVILIZED RIBES  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Tablequah, I. T.,

1896.

Whom it may concern:  
I, W. F. Mayes, Asst. Executive Secretary of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that by a decision of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation, rendered June 7<sup>th</sup> 1871, Harry Stille, was admitted to all the rights of Cherokee Citizenship, entitled under the Treaty of July 1866.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of the Cherokee Nation  
this May 20<sup>th</sup> 1896.

W. F. Mayes  
Asst. Executive Secretary



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

In the matter of the application of Edward Wright, Freedman of the Cherokee Nation, for enrollment as a Cherokee citizen, and for the purpose of determining his eligibility for enrollment, the following facts were ascertained:

ALLEGATIONS

Mr. E. W. Hastings, Cherokee Representative,  
Mr. E. W. Hastings, Cherokee Representative.

- Q What is your name? A Edward Wright.  
Q What is your age? A I was born in 1849, about 55.  
Q What is your present address? A Hayden.  
Q What district do you live in? A Coconawadaw.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you wish to enroll besides yourself? A Myself alone.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A No, sir.  
Q Is it on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A On the Kern-Ollison roll.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll and 1886 Census Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant not found thereon.

The Kern-Ollison roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant found thereon, age, 188, 1886, Edward Wright, Coconawadaw District.

BY MR. LAWSON:

- Q Where were you born? A I was born in Tahlequah District, Cherokee Nation. A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A I call myself about 55 years old.  
Q Were you a slave at the breaking out of the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who was your master? A Eli Wright.  
Q Was he a Cherokee? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where did he live? A In Going Snake District.  
Q What was your mother's name? A She went by the name of Katie Whitmire is the name she went by when she died.  
Q What is her name now? A Katie Whitmire.  
Q Is she the wife of Moses Whitmire? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who owned her at the breaking out of the war? A James Walkingstick.  
Q Was your mother a slave at the breaking out of the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q Does your mother's name appear on the 1880 roll of authenticated Freedmen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Under what name? A Katie Whitmire.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant's mother found thereon, age 188, 1880, Kate Whitmire, Coconawadaw.

- Q Did you leave the Cherokee Nation at the breaking out of the war, or during the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q With whom did you leave? A I went with Ellis Whitmire to Kansas.  
Q When did you return to the Cherokee Nation? A In the fall of '66.  
Q Fall of 1866? A Yes, sir.  
Q With whom did you return? A With Moses Whitmire, my stepfather and Lewis Whitmire and Ellis Whitmire and Nelson Whitmire.



John Wright: -- 2

Q Was your mother in the group that returned with you? A Yes, sir.

Q And that was in the fall of 1861? A Yes, sir.

Q Have you been living in the Cherokee Nation since 1861? A Yes, sir.

Q Have you lived any other place since then? A No, sir.

Q In what part of the Cherokee Nation have you been living?

A Living in Cooweescoowee, on Salt Creek.

Q Have you been living in that neighborhood ever since you returned to the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q How many times have you been married? A Twice.

Q Did you have any children by your first wife? A Yes, sir, had three.

Q Are the names of any of those children on the roll of 1830?

A One of them by the name of David.

BY COMMISSIONER:

Q David what? A I think he was David Whitmire.

BY MR. J. J. GIBSON:

Q How old would he have been the fall of 1830? A About two years old.

Q Was he living with Moses Whitmire and Katie Whitmire at that time?

A Yes, sir.

The 1830 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant's son found therein, page 189, 18202, David Whitmire, Cooweescoowee.

Q Were any of your other children by your first marriage on the 1830 roll? A No, sir, I think their father is on the 1830 roll.

Q But the children were left off? A Yes, sir.

Q With the exception of this one? A Only one, left off, one boy.

Q What was your boy's name that was left off the 1830 roll?

A John Henry.

Q Was John Henry a full brother of this David you have just mentioned?

A Yes, sir, if it appear on any roll it will be John Wright.

The 1830 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of John Henry Wright not found thereon.

Q Your present wife and children have been enrolled as Freedmen have they not? A Yes, sir, they have been enrolled.

Q How long were you out of the Cherokee Nation during the war, Ed?

A I don't know exactly, I know I went to Kansas in '63 and remained there until '68, I think it was 1868 when I.

Q Prior to the time you left in 1863, or you were taken away in 1863, where did you live? A I lived in Fort Scott, Bourbon Co., Kansas.

Q I say prior to the time you went away. A Do you mean here in the Cherokee Nation?

Q I asked you where you lived? A I lived in Going Snake District.

Q From the time you were born up to the time you were taken out in 1863? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you and your mother belong to the same master? A No, sir, she belonged to James Walkingstick and I belonged to Eli Wright.

Q How did that come? were you sold? A Yes, sir, sold or attached or something; first map I lived with was Andy Griffin and somehow I was attached, I was sold off and lived with another man, and James Walkingstick I think bought her.

Q Were you living in the Cherokee Nation in 1830? A Yes, sir.

Edward Wright. -- 3.

Q Why were you not enrolled on the 1880 roll? A I don't know sir; my stepfather made application to the court at Tanlequah, Rob Daniels court, I think, and him and my mother was admitted and he and my mother that was enrolled at Chelsea there rejected, paid Mr. Bill Bodinot \$25 in defense and he never got us on the roll and my mother's name appeared on the roll.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

Q What town in Kansas did you go to? A Fort Scott.

Q What did you do up there after the war was over, what kind of work? A I worked for the government up there about six or eight months with the chain gang.

Q That was after the war was over? A During the war.

Q Who did you live with up there just after the war? A I lived with my mother.

Q Was Moses Whitmire up there, your stepfather? A Yes, sir.

Q When did they marry, during or just after the war? A They have been living together ever since I was a little boy four or five years old, away before the war.

Q What time did you come back down here? A In the fall I think.

Q Was it in cold weather? A Yes, sir.

Q Now who was along when you came back? A Lewis Whitmire, and Dennis Whitmire and my stepfather and Nelson Whitmire and Land Whitmire is about all.

Q Did you go back to Kansas after that? A No, sir.

Q Did you have any home down here when you come? A Yes, sir, the old man had been down and built, I believe.

Q Before that? A Yes, sir.

Q And then you come down afterwards? A Yes, sir.

Q How many times had your stepfather been out here before you come?

A I don't know exactly, I think it was one or two trips.

Q Did you come when your mother did? A Yes, sir.

Q Had your mother been down here either of those other trips?

A No, sir.

Q You lived right up there with her? A Yes, sir.

Q Where were you married the first time? A I was married on Lightning Creek.

Q Over here near Salt Creek? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know Cal Coker? A Yes, sir, I know one Coker, acquainted with him.

Q Did you know him when he come? A I knowed old man Coker.

Q What other Cokeres were living over there about Coodys Bluff?

A I don't know, Charley Hicks.

Q Was he living over there at that time? A Yes, sir.

Q How far did you locate from old man Coker and Charley Hicks?

A About five miles north.

Q Did Charley Hicks have a wife? A Yes, sir, had a woman and one adopted child.

Q What was the girl's name? A I don't know, she was a Creek girl he was raising.

Q Well Charley Hicks was living over there when you come down?

A I think he was or moved over there directly afterwards, come from Tanlequah.

Q Where did you make your first crop after you come down? A Right where I am living now.

Q Do you live with your stepfather yet? A No, sir, I am living to myself then.

Q Did you ever live in your father's house? A No, sir.

Q Did you ever live in the same place where you are living now?

A I can't think whether we made a house the first year there was a house to make. I don't know the first year we were here.

Q Did Lewis ever come to you? A Yes, sir.

Q Was he married at that time? A I don't think he was.

Q What name? A LAMSON.

Q Where did Lewis ever live now? A He lived on Lightning Creek.

Q Well did he ever live at the place where you live? A Yes, sir.

Q Moved away and gave it to you? A Yes, sir.

Q Have you been living there ever since? A Yes, sir.

Q Now, Whitlark, being first duly sworn by Commissioner Neelick, testified as follows: Q Mr. LAMSON.

Q State your name. A Elmer Whitlark.

Q Are you on the 1880 roll, authorized citizen? A Yes, sir.

Q Are you acquainted with Edward Wright, or Edward Wright? A Yes, sir.

Q By which name is he known? A Ed Wright, we called him.

Q He goes sometimes by the name of Edward Wright? A Yes, sir, that is his father's name.

Q What relation, if any, are you to Edward Wright? A Not any, he is my stepson.

Q Your wife's name? A Yes, sir.

Q What is the name of your wife? A She is named Katie.

Q Is she on the 1880 roll? A Yes, sir.

Q Under what name? A Katie Whitlark, I guess, or Katie Walkingstick, she is dead.

Q When did she die? A About a year last September, little over a year.

Q Where did you marry her and when? A I have lived with her, oh, I don't know how long, could not tell you hardly.

Q Before the war? A Yes, sir, long before the war, sometime before the war, not so long.

Q To whom did this Edward Wright belong or was he a slave before the war? A Ed Wright.

Q Did he belong to Ed Wright at the breaking out of the war?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you ever see Edward Wright before the war? A Yes, sir.

Q Well where was he living? A He was living up in Going Snake District when the war come up.

Q Where were you living? A I was living down on Harren Fork.

Q About how far away? A About 12 or 13 miles.

Q Were you living with his mother? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know whether or not Ed Wright left the Cherokee Nation during the war? A Yes, sir.

Q Where did he go? A He went up to Fort Scott, Kansas.

Q How do you know he went up there? A I went up the same time, pretty much, I didn't go up there at the same time, I got hold of him in the war and took him with me.

Q Where did you get hold of him in the war? A At Marysville, Arkansas.

Q You say you got hold of him what did you do with him? A Kept him until I brought him down here.

Q Where did you keep him? A Fort Scott, Kansas.

Q When did you bring him down to the Cherokee Nation? A In '66 when he moved with my family.

Q Was there any one else that come down with you? A There was



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Q Now of Mr. Bowie Wright and family has I heard.  
Q Where did you live to him your son? A Down here at Salt Creek.  
Q Did Ed Wright live with you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long did he live with you? A I don't know exactly how many years, until he married and I give him the place he lived on now.  
Q Is he living on the first place you lived on? A Yes, sir.  
Q And that was in the fall of '88? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where has Ed Wright been living ever since the fall of '88?  
A Right across.  
Q Where? A Salt Creek.  
Q Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where did he live before the war and up to the time he left during the war? A He lived up in Goose Snake District, Ed Wright's his pastor.  
Q Ever live any other place up to the time he left home? A Yes, sir.  
Q You knew him from that time he was a little boy? A Yes, sir.

Q You know he was a slave? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was his mother a slave? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you a slave? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you know Ed Wright's wife, or did you know Ed Wright's wives?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q How many times has he been married? A Twice now I guess.  
Q Did he have any children or his first wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q What are the names of the children? A Dave and John and I forget the girl's name that died.  
Q Are any of these children on the roll of 1880? A Well Dave ought to be.  
Q Is John? A No, sir.  
Q Was Ed Wright living in the Cherokee Nation in 1880? A Yes, sir, living right up there.  
Q So you know Mr. Ed Wright's name does not appear on the roll of 1880? A No, sir, I don't.  
Q Can you give any excuse for his not appearing? A No, sir; I know when I went down to enroll I took him and Mallen's name down.  
Q Who is Mallen? A My wife's youngest.  
Q Did you enroll for Ed at that time? A Yes, I was trying to enroll for him, you, sir; he was in my family and under age.  
Q You enrolled your wife at that time and it was your intention and you thought you were enrolling Ed? A Yes, sir, I give in their names.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

Q Uncle Wood you employed a lawyer for Ed at that time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Mr. V. P. Boardman? A Yes, sir.  
Q You paid him? A Yes, sir.  
Q You told him and the court when he got back? A Yes, sir.  
Q That was all fresh on your mind? A Yes, sir.  
Q You didn't have any trouble getting your wife on the roll?  
A No, sir.  
Q You didn't have any trouble getting yourself on? A No, sir.  
Q You told them when you come back? A Yes, sir.  
Q And your wife? Yes, sir.  
Q And told them what your children come back? A Yes, sir.  
Q And they enrolled you and your wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q That was a short time after you come back? A It was some time after we came back, not very long though.  
Q It was all fresh in your mind at that time? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was this first wife's name? A Mary.

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Q That was her first name, Mary Shack? A Mary Shackness they called her.  
Q Where were they married? A Married on Sittling Creek.  
Q That was married before Ed? A Yes, sir.  
Q She was a Cherokee, wasn't she? A Yes, sir.  
Q She is dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q She died before Ed? A Yes, sir.  
Q And this little child is supposed to be her child? A Yes, sir. That is her child, but I told the court what about it and she gave it to my wife to raise as her child.  
Q And you gave it to your child? A Yes, sir.  
Q Now, you made two or three trips down here? A Yes, sir.  
Q You made two trips before Ed came with you? A Yes, sir.  
Q And he came with you on the third time? A Yes, sir.  
BY MR. CLAYTON:  
Q Did you employ Mr. Bouknot to look after your land, or Dave's case or all of your cases? A All of the cases.  
Q Employed him to look after the employment of you and your wife and Ed? A Yes, sir.

BY COUNSEL EXHIBITS:

Q When did you come down here from Kansas on your third trip?  
A December.  
Q What year? A In '66.  
Q That is when you brought Ed? A Yes, sir, moved here.  
Q At that time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Didn't bring him down on any of those other trips? A No, sir.  
Q Where was he? A Up there with his mother.  
Q How old was Ed when you brought him down? A He was a small boy, he had never left me.

LEWIS WHITFIRE, being duly sworn by Commissioner T. B. Hawkes, testified as follows: BY MR. CLAYTON:  
State your name? A Lewis Whitfire.  
Q Are you on the roll of 1880 as an authenticated citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you kin to Moses Whitfire? A Yes, sir, he is a half brother of mine.  
Q Do you know Edward Wright? A Yes, sir.  
Q The applicant here? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you known him Lewis? A I have known him ever since he was a little bit of a boy.  
Q Where did you first know him, where was he living? A He was living with his mother when I first knew him in Going Snake.  
Q Going Snake what? A District, it is called.  
Q Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q The Edward Wright a slave? A Yes, sir, born slave.  
Q Who was his master at the breaking out of the war? A Eli Wright.  
Q Do you know whether or not Edward Wright left the Cherokee Nation during the war? A He went out with his mother.  
Q At what time do you know? A I think it was in the winter of '62, during the winter sometime, they all had to leave.  
Q Where did they go? A They went to Kansas.  
Q What place in Kansas? A I think it was somewhere near Fort Scott where they stopped, around it.

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BY MR. HASTINGS:

Q. You didn't witness for him before the Kern-Clifton Commission?  
A. No, sir.  
Q. You were around when they had the investigation then? A. This  
in the first time I witnessed for this man.  
Q. You were down before the court when they all applied? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Uncle Moses Williams applied for him at that time? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. He didn't have any trouble getting on himself? A. No, sir.  
Q. He didn't have any trouble getting his wife on? A. No, sir.  
Q. You didn't have any trouble getting on? A. No, sir.  
Q. Did Aaron Whitmore come back with you? A. No, sir; Aaron  
Whitmore come back a little while before we come.  
Q. Where your first come down west? A. No, sir.  
Q. Well, now, about when did Aaron come? A. Aaron come down in the  
fall of '88.  
Q. Where did he located? A. Located right there; well, when he first  
come he made a stop by the place where Sir Martin owns and he  
stayed there and in the spring of '87 he made a grab there.  
Q. Aaron come down ahead of you? A. He moved down ahead of me and  
then he came down to pick claims he all came together, that was in  
the fall, and then he said he didn't move together.  
Q. Well, didn't you and you and Dennis and your father, Major West,  
come down together? A. Yes, sir.



Edward Wright.

The Wallace Hall of Freedom of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant found correct, Page 150, 1891, Boone-Georgian District.

HARRY STILL, being duly sworn by Commissioner T. H. Needles, testified as follows: BY MR. LARSON:

Q State your name. A Harry Still.

Q Residence? A Gordon.

Q Are you acquainted with Edward Wright, the applicant? A Yes, sir.

Q Where did you first get acquainted with him? A I have been acquainted with Ed ever since '86.

Q Where did you first know him? A Knew him up in Going Snake District.

Q Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q Was he a slave? A Yes, sir.

Q Who was his master? A Eli Wright.

Q Did you then him make he belonged to Eli Wright? A Yes, sir.

Q Did Ed Wright leave the Cherokee Nation during the war? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know where he went? A Yes, sir.

Q Where did he go? A Fort Scott.

Q Fort Scott what? A Kansas.

Q About what year? A I think I am not certain, I think it was '82 or '83, he didn't go when I did but he went out shortly after I went out.

Q Well, did you see him up at Fort Scott? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you know Ed Wright is mother? A Yes, sir.

Q What was her name? A He calls her Katie Watkingstick.

Q Was she the wife of Moses Whitmire? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you see them during the war? A Yes, sir.

Q Where were they? A Fort Scott, Kansas.

Q Well, was Ed Wright up there with him? A Yes, sir.

Q What relation is Ed Wright to Katie Whitmire? A Son of Katie Whitmire.

Q Do you know when Ed Wright returned to the Cherokee Nation?

A Yes, sir.

Q When? A Fall of '86.

Q 1866? A Yes, sir.

Q You were with the crowd that came back? A No, sir; when I come here I come the other way and I left Lawrence and they left Fort Scott and when I got here they was all here.

Q Where did they stay? A Right on the hill this side of Salt Creek.

Q At that time was Ed Wright living with Moses and Katie Whitmire?

A Living right in the house with them.

Q Where has Ed Wright lived ever since 1867? A He has lived there under the hill, went from there and stayed on the place with Moses where Moses lives now, until he married and moved back to Salt Creek and moved out on the prairie where he is living now and has been living there ever since.

Q Has he been living in the Cherokee Nation entirely ever since '86? A Yes, sir, I have been more or less with him ever since.

Q And you know that he came back with Moses Whitmire and Katie Whitmire in the fall of 1867? A Yes, sir, lived with them all the time.

Q You know his wives did you? A Yes, sir.

Q How many wives did he have? A Two.

Q What is the name of his first wife? A Mary.

Q And the name of his second wife? A Jose.

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Q Did he have any children by his first wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q What are the names of his children? A John and Dave.  
Q Which is the oldest child of Dave? A John is the oldest child.  
Q Do you know whether or not John or Dave, either of these names appear upon the authenticated roll of 1860? A I think they had.  
Q In any John's name is on there?  
Q Well, now John, did Mr Wright live with those children after he came back here in '68? A He lived with those during the war, come back here with him and lived with him until he married Mary; he left those when he married his first wife and come back on the place where those stay now.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

Q Who were along with you some? A Well, I had my mother and my sister, Sam with me, Joe King, Elias Baker, and Aunt Nancy started with me and she died at Timbered Hill.  
Q And you testified in the Marian Hadden case didn't you? A Yes, sir.  
Q You didn't come along with any of the white men some? A No, sir.  
Q They were here? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where was this Sam living when you come? A Living with those.  
Q Did he have a house? A No, sir, well he had started to build here himself once and went back to give his family.  
Q You don't know how long they had been here at that time?  
A They hadn't been here a great while when I come.  
Q Who did you live with when you come? A Lived with my mother.  
Q Who did she live with? A With me.  
Q Did you have a place at that time? A Made it.  
Q Where was that? A Rachel place.  
Q Where is that from the Hyden post office now? A Two miles west.  
Q Did you make a crop there in '67? A No, sir, didn't make any crop.  
Q Where didn't make a crop there? A He really never did make a crop there, had a little patch there, that is, until we moved to the other place.

EDWARD WRIGHT, THE APPLICANT, RECALLED: BY MR. HASTINGS:

Q Where did you go to school? A Went to school to Kansas and here in the Cherokee Nation after I come here.  
Q Did you go to school up there during the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you go to school after the war up there? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long? A About three months after I come down here on Big Creek.  
Q Was there a school located up there? A Subscription school.  
Q Did you go to school in Kansas after the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q Before you come down here? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long? A Well in my schooling I haven't had but three years.

COURT REIDLES: Edward Wright applies for the enrollment of himself. He can not be identified upon the authenticated roll of 1860 or census roll of 1880. He is identified upon the Kern-cliffon and Wallace Roll according to the page and number of the rolls as indicated in the testimony. He avers that he is the child of Katie Whitmore, who is the wife of Moses Whitmore, and that he was a slave and

belonged to the late, Frank, a Cherokee citizen. The name of the woman so identified upon the mentioned roll of 1880. He stated that he had not seen David, who is identified upon the mentioned roll of 1880. He stated in his testimony that John Henry Smith, a white man, was on the roll of 1880, but he is not found. He stated that he does not know his residence. The wife of the mentioned man, the said Frank, is married to one of the Cherokee Freedmen and she accuses the Cherokee Nation of having stolen her husband. He will be able to tell at the Cherokee Freedmen upon a court trial. He is not a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and he is not a citizen of the United States.

Mr. Harrison, the representative of the Cherokee Nation desires to call attention to the fact that said white man is enrolled with the family of John and Katie Pitts, and that his mother was a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. B. Harrison, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer in the case of the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that he foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

(Signed) J. B. Harrison.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, 1901.

(Signed) T. B. Needles.

Commissioner.

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Wm. C. D. 1814. Freedmen.

Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Washoe, I. T., March 4, 1902.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY in the matter of the enrollment of Wm. C. D. 1814 as a Cherokee Freedman, introduced as part of the Cherokee Nation.

The Cherokee Nation by its representative makes satisfactory proof of service on T. B. Needles, that attorney for the applicant in this case, that said attorney would be introduced by the



representatives of the Cherokee Nation tending to deprive the right of said citizen, Deared Wright to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation at the office of the Commissioner in Chicago, Indiana Territory, on the 3rd day of March, 1902, and from day to day thereafter until he came back to home by the Cherokee during the night of March 4th.

Cherokee Nation, at Fort, by the four months, L. G. Bell.

E. F. Rogers, being duly sworn, testified as follows on oath of the Cherokee Nation.

MR. BELL:

- Q Tell me your name. A E. F. Rogers.
- Q Age? A 35 years old.
- Q Place of residence? A Cherokee.
- Q Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long have you been here? A All my life, a little over 63 years.
- Q Did you go out of the country during the war? A Yes, sir.
- Q When did you return? A '66.
- Q Where did you come from? A Come to Fort Gibson.
- Q And stayed there did you? A Yes, sir.
- Q Tell me what was your business? A After I come back?
- Q Yes? A I followed freighting for something over three years.
- Q Where and between what places? A Sedalia and Pleasant Hill and Kansas City to Fort Gibson.
- Q Were you ever acquainted with a Freedman by the name of Moses Whitire? A Yes, I know him.
- Q Where did he belong before the war? A He belonged in Going Snake District.
- Q Do you know what particular Whitire he belonged?
- A I don't remember whether he belonged to George Whitire or Lee Whitire.
- Q If you did see him when did you first see Moses Whitire after the war, after you returned to the Cherokee Nation?
- A As well as I can remember it was in February, '68; I met him just on this side of the Neosho River, as they were moving back to this country from Kansas. There was between 24, from 24 to 28 wagons and I met them right on this side of the Neosho River; Dick Whitire, Moses Whitire and Aaron Whitire and old Major Wright is all I know in the bunch.
- Q Did you have any conversation with them, stop and talk with them?
- A Yes, sir, and Col. Bill Ross passed while I was talking to them going to Fort Scott.
- Q Did you ask them where they was going to? A They said they was moving back.
- Q Well this 25 or 30 wagons was loaded with people?
- A Yes, mostly every one had household goods in them.
- Q Colony of Cherokee Freedmen? A Yes, sir, coming back to the Cherokee Nation.
- Q Well now that was where you say it was? A It was right on this side of the Neosho River; between the old Hudson place and Neosho River.
- Q How far from the Neosho River? A I suppose half a mile.

Q Now for I on the north side of the river, is that right?  
 A I think the river is the line, about the middle.  
 Q And how far is that from the Indian River? A That is also in the line, and I understand it.  
 Q You had reference to where the military road crossed the Indian River? A Yes, sir.  
 Q At Jack Hobbs's Ferry? A That is about it, Hudson Ferry, at that time.  
 Q Hudson Ferry, where? A Yes, sir, in about a half mile.  
 Q And this Ross, William, you had talked with in the same way you lived in being snags and belonged to the Whittaker family, is that right?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q About how old a man was he when you met him? A So is an old man I think than I am.  
 Q And you saw other men had you known? A I think about that time and Hudson Ferry and old Major Wright is the old one I know.  
 Q And you talked with him there? A Oh, I guess I talked with him then, is, so much and while I was talking to him Col. Ross passed going to Fort Scott.  
 Q Do you know where this man William lives now, Hudson Ferry, you met?  
 A No, I don't know where he lives.

ME. HASTINGS, Cherokee Representative;

Q Don't you know he lives on Salt Creek near Elyden? A No, I don't know for certain I heard he lived on Big Creek. I don't know where he lives, I have not seen him ever since I have been here. I don't think I ever was at his house.

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I hereby certify upon my official oath as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes that I correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in this case on the above date, and that the foregoing is a true and correct stenographic transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

(Signed) J. O. Rowson.

Stenographer.

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Commissioner of the  
Bureau of Indian Affairs

In the matter of the application of Edward Wright for  
citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

APPEARANCES:

Wm. J. Harrison, representing W. J. Harrison, for applicant.  
W. J. Harrison, for Cherokee Nation.

COMMISSIONER: The Cherokee Nation, by its representative, who  
introduces proof of service on the applicant's attorney that it  
would, on the 20th day of May, 1878, introduce testimony tending to  
disprove the right of the said Edward Wright to enrollment as a  
Cherokee citizen. The applicant later day appears by his attorney,  
W. J. Harrison, who is represented by Sen. J. Stoville, Nowata, Indian  
Territory.

DR. HARRISON: The Cherokee Nation offers in evidence a decision  
of the Cherokee Council of 1878, which is found on page 56 of  
a book taken from the records of the Executive Department of the  
Cherokee Nation entitled, "Decisions of the Cherokee Council on  
Citizenship," as follows:

No. 55 Edward Wright  
vs  
Cherokee Nation.

Ex. 7th of June.  
Answer filed.

Judgment against claimant June 27, 1878.

The Cherokee Nation also offers in evidence from the same  
record as above page 57 of the same, the following:

No. 56 Major Wright  
vs  
Cherokee Nation.

Ex. June 7th, statement filed  
on the 26 of June.  
1st July 1878, 1st Aug.  
ent for trial.

Judgment against claimant June 27th, 1878.

The Cherokee Nation offers in evidence the application made  
for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation by Lewis Whitman on the 26th  
day of June, 1878, as found on pages 154 and 5 of book B, entitled,  
"Citizenship Record 1878," as follows:

Where the Commission on Affairs at Tahlequah to say claims to  
citizenship.

The undersigned claimant in the name of  
Lewis Whitman  
vs  
Cherokee Nation

respectfully presents the following statement of his claim according  
to the requirements of the Commission.

Claimant claims under classification five of claimants in the  
Citizenship Record, that is, as a colored person formerly  
a slave owned by a citizen and resident of the Nation of the



beginning of the late war, freed by law and made a citizen of this Nation by provision of the treaty of 1866. For

claimant was at the time of 1866 above said owned by George Whitmire, a Cherokee citizen, left the country during the war and returned in the summer of 1866 to select and prepare a home for his family (they then being without one) and again the following year prosecuting the work as his circumstances and the condition of the country at that time prevented and leaving his family in the intervals of time when they were without shelter, food and clothing and until a removal of them was practicable which removal of claimant finally was accomplished to the point of the Nation settled by claimant for theirs and his home in the spring of 1867.

Claimant's rights have been called in question by competent authority, and he therefore presents them to the important examination of this Commission as are authorized so to do by law.

This June 26, 1873.

Lewis Whitmire,

By W. P. Boudinot, Atty.\*

The Cherokee Nation offers the following from the same book and continuing on the same page, the application of Moses Whitmire as follows:

"Before the Honorable Commission sitting at Tahlequah to try rights to Cherokee Citizenship.

In case of Moses Whitmire

vs

Cherokee Nation,

claiming Cherokee citizenship.

Claimant claims under the fifth specification of the classes of claimants to citizenship as found in the law creating this Commission, to wit as a colored person formerly a slave owned by one George Whitmire, Cherokee citizen, resident of this Nation, at the beginning of the late war, and freed by law and made a citizen by provision of the treaty of 1866. Claimant respectfully refers to the statement by claimant Lewis Whitmire as embracing the facts which the present claimant would submit to the Commission as the grounds of his claim.

Respectfully submitted,

Moses Whitmire,

June 26, 1873.

By W. P. Boudinot, Atty.\*

The Cherokee Nation offers in evidence from a book taken from the Executive Department of the Cherokee Nation entitled, "Register of evidence before court of Commissioner Chambers Court, Book A," page 239, case No. 60, as follows:

"Case 60.

Aaron Whitmire )

vs )

Cherokee Nation. )

Tahlequah,

July 3, 1873.

Nike Field a witness for claimant called and sworn.

I am I think I am about 47 years old. I live in Illinois District, D. N. Am a citizen of the Nation. I have been on the doubtful roll but had my rights proven up before the Supreme Court.

As a citizen under the treaty of 1865, I went north to the state of Kansas in '65. I returned in August - 21st of same, 1866. I left my family in Fort Scott when I came. I came down to Fort Scott. I stayed about three weeks with them, and then returned to Fort Scott. After I returned to Fort Scott, there were other men there, and the Whitmires were of that number. The plaintiff was one of them. They came down in Decr. 1866. They returned to Fort Scott before I left there. I left Kansas about the 1st week in January, 1867 and got to one crossing of the Neosho river about the 1st of January. When I first came down there was about 15 in the party. They left their families in Kansas when they came down here. There was some of party come with the Whitmires who piloted the whitening party and my party were Sam Debbins, Mike Daniels, Sam Webb, Jr., Aaron Webber, Reuben Sanders, Turk Sanders.

The Whitmire proper were Aaron, Lewis, Webb, Reuben and Nelson Whitmire and others that I do not recollect. The object of this party coming was for the purpose of creating hot air. When I moved with my family I stopped on Pryor Creek at Mrs. Abney's and remained about two weeks. The reason we left that part of the country was because that part of the country was too sparsely settled and bare of subsistence. As I was coming down the first time we were overtaken by the Cherokee Delegation. They were men who come here were authorized by others to locate claims for them, one was by Hekey requesting Abe Fields to locate for him. The original request filed.

#### Cross Examined.

I can not remember the date I arrived here the first time from Kansas. The claim we made I got three sets of house logs, hauled them and piled them up, and some of the men put up houses. I did not put up a house. I started back to Kansas about the middle of September. When I first left the country it was in February, 1863. I was a slave before the war and was owned by Sam Taylor when the war broke out. He was living on Greenleaf near Bushy Mountain on this side of Ark. River. When the Whitmires returned to Fort Scott I do not know when they left there to come to this country as I left them there when I left. It was reported when they returned to the Nation that the Whitmire party had built houses. But I do not know this myself as I was not along. I only heard they had. The war closed in 1865 I think. I did not know it myself but people told me who could read.

I do not know myself that it was the month of Aug. When I come here first, but I was told it was that time.

#### Re Direct.

It was the December following the time I first came down that the Whitmires come down first to select and improve claims.

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Aaron Whitmire

Cherokee Nation.  
called and sworn.

August 1, 1878.

Bluford Alberty, witness for defendant,

I reside in Coconosconee District, C. N. I am a native Cherokee citizen. I left the Nation during the war. I returned to the Nation on the west side of Grand River, Coconosconee District.

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Q. Now, when you saw some of them went back to Kansas, at the time I met them I do not know what or their families were with them. I think I saw Dennis White with this party, but am not certain of seeing Dennis or Nelson. I know there was fear of the Whites' party. They were chased in the Nation and decided here up to the breaking out of the war.

B. P. ALBERT

action technique

Character: Nation.

I know Melburn Perkins, who was twelve or thirteen years old at the close of the war.

The man living with us now and still alive in my family, Jack Wadley was one of the band above referred to as the Daniels. I learned from our teacher Uncle Mike and Sam Soper that the three fellows advised us to settle in a corner of back on unsurveyed lands. We crossed the Missouri in coming down at Holman's Ferry in 1886. The chief Perryman who crossed us in Bill Martin.

While on flight, he met in 1956 a man Mr. Albert Lee had no conversation with him, but Sam Webber had in a prison.



Witness Examined.

I am a claimant before this court for citizenship. I am a half brother of Aaron Whitmire, son of Louis, James and Nelson. I am my brother's son. Aaron Whitmire is a white man. Major Wright is an abolitionist. The names of the party that were with me at the Nation are as follows: Mike Sanders, Sam Robb, Peter Halse, John Gayman, Jack Sanders, Hanson, Daniels, Sam Hebbert, and Louis Whitmire. Nelson Whitmire, Desires Whitmire, Aaron Whitmire, is all I can recollect now. Witness and my brother were authorized to make claim for others still back in 1866. Dennis made a claim for Major Wright. I can't name any others. Witness was born at Fort Scott in 1868 when we came on from Kansas. My family was at Fort Scott. Nelson, Daniels, Ed Wright, and my wife and myself composed my family. Louis had no family. After Ann Nelson died, Major, Sam, Nelson and Aaron were Aaron's children and James, Sarah. They were lost, the wife and children in Fort Scott until we came in 1866. Eliza Sanders, the Sanders were Nelson's family and back at Fort Scott. We went back at January 1868 to Kansas after coming to the Nation. Then witness returned in 1867 to the Nation Aaron, Louis, Nelson, Dennis, Hanson, Daniels, Jack Sanders, Peter Halse and the families of those who had families all came as I did besides others not particularly remembered. This was the first time any of our families had been to the Nation, at least mine, Aaron's and Nelson's.

The first time Aaron Whitmire was in the Nation after the war closed was after our parties returned in families in 1867.

The first time Major Wright returned was on our first trip in 1867. William Ratliff was seized by the Alex R. trip on breeding day of war. The first came in March 1867. Jack Lankum was along in 1866. He was a slave at the beginning of the war. I was present during the examination of Mr. Liberty as a witness in this case.

He Direct.

Aaron's family at the close of the war was a separate family. Harry Whitmire was son, represented his mother on the first trip in 1866. Witness is about 33 yrs. old. Major Wright was an old man at the close of the war. Louis Whitmire had been back to the Nation before 1866.

Attest

D. D. Nicholson,  
clerk.

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Came 65.

Aaron Whitmire & family )  
vs )  
Cherokee Nation. )

Cause of citizenship.

Now comes claimant by duty before the Commission sitting at Tahlequah to try certain claims for citizenship in the Cherokee Nation and makes this his statement of his grounds for said claim to wit-

Claimant is a colored person and claims as aforesaid under privilege of the fifth specification of the classes of claims preferred by law to the Commission to examine and decide rights of competent authority having been denied citizenship.

Claimant belonged to Gen. Whitmire's Cherokee citizen at the commencement of the war of the rebellion and was then living in this

...nation. After the passing of the claimant lived in the  
vicinity of Fort Scott, and the first winter season he decided  
while the season of 1866-67 he returned to this nation and proposed  
to work and improve a piece of the Cherokee River for himself and  
family's permanent residence.  
While he was there working, he was also the father of his family  
by providing for their clothing and subsistence at the place  
mentioned, and his family remained there and did not journeying  
during the time.

That the same complaint of unjust claimant was made at  
which he was obliged to make with his family to leave his  
work and improve on the river from the early fall  
of 1866 to the early spring of the same year, when he returned labor  
upon his improvement, after which he removed his family as soon as  
practicable to live at the spring in the year of 1867.

Claimant claims to have returned to this nation in  
his own person and as representative of his family within the time  
provided for by treaty. In that having no residence to come to, and  
other Cherokee citizens he did everything possible to constitute a  
return consistent with the duty he owed to his family by laboring  
as far as his means allowed to provide a home in this nation.

Respectfully submitted,

Amos Whitacre,

By Atty Gen. H. Gaudin.

Amos Whitacre

vs

Cherokee Nation.

August 1st, 1878.

Mr. Martin, attorney for claimant, called and sworn.  
I live on Big Creek, Coconocowas, N. W. and a citizen of the  
Nation. From August up to Christmas 1866 I was at the ferry on the  
Cherokee River on the old military road leading from Fort Scott,  
Kansas to Fort Gibson, N. W. An acquaintance with claimant and his  
brother, Amos, never knew Amos until I met him at the river.  
I never knew prior to that time. While I was in charge of the ferry  
I recollect having met claimant and Amos, Lewis, Dennis and Nelson,  
Whitacre, Peter Maise, Mike Sunders, Sam Webber, and Young Sam,  
Bill Morran and others but did not recollect anything about them.  
They were traveling. They stated they were coming from Fort Scott,  
Kansas, they were traveling from the direction of Fort Scott. I  
crossed them from the Cherokee side of the River into the Cherokee  
Nation, they inquired to road to Big Creek. Nelson gave them the  
directions to the head of Big Creek. They stated the reason why  
they were coming was that the Cherokee Delegation had invited them  
to come back under the treaty. They mentioned Jim McDonald as  
the principal one who had invited them and they were then on their  
way to select themselves homes.

It was after the Delegation returned that I met claimant and  
the other spoken of in the party held together when I crossed them.  
It was as near as I can recollect about the last of October, 1866.  
I am positive it was before Christmas at I left then at Christmas  
or probably a few days before Christmas.

Cross Examined.

I was not acquainted with the claimant nor any of the others  
named previous to the war.

I do not know the names before the war. I do not know whether  
they had lived in the Nation previous to the war. I do not recollect  
of seeing any of the families of the parties named at the time.

I crossed them over the river. I got some of this same party back over the river a short time after they had been in the Nation and heard Whitmire and Little San Vebber and I think they were three who crossed back but I am not sure. I learned the names of the parties from conversation with them but did not become particularly acquainted with their names at that time. I think there was one man with the name of Little San Vebber though I would not be sure. I think there was a woman along or not. I was positive there was no children as I never saw any. They had heard of the Nation should have been there any woman and children I would have known it. The next time I saw claimant was in the fall of 1867 or the spring. I learned from them that they had got there in March 1867. I have been from having heard it generally talked amongst themselves.

He Direct.

At the present time the distance between our two settlements is about 5 miles. I recognize the claimant and the other parties spoken of. I have been there frequently since that time. I got them over the river. When I saw them in the fall of 1867 they and their families with them. The means of subsistence at the time I crossed in this country at that time was short.

William Martin.

Aaron Whitmire

vs

July 4<sup>th</sup> 1873.

Cherokee Nation.

Wm. McCracken for claimant.

Witness met claimant near Fort Gibson in Novr. or Decr. 1866. Met him at the ferryboat on Grand River.

Witness had a conversation with claimant at the ferry in which claimant said he was on his way to going Snake his former home in the Nation and seven of claimant's brothers were behind on the road.

Witness is a citizen of this Nation and knew claimant before the war.

Attest:

Wm. McCracken.

D. B. Nicholson, Clerk.

Aaron Whitmire

vs

Cherokee Nation.

Samuel Alberty.

George Whitmire before the war lived in Going Snake Dist. this Dist. borders on the line of the state of Arks.

Claimant now resides near the western line of the Cherokee Nation. The settlement before the war was sparse where claimant now resides. I would say the distance from where George Whitmire resided prior to the war, and claimant's present residence is 80 or 100 miles. Witness states that he had a conversation with Sam Vebber in which Vebber assigned as a reason for settling where he had was that some Jones advised the colored people after their freedom to settle in colonies or on farms as it was convenient to do in an uncultivated part of the country.

This was thought best for the colored man as they could have their own schools as until matters were more regulated in the country.

The first conversation was in the fall of 1866. The second conversation was in the spring of 1867. I saw several of their families in May, 1867 on Big Rock or Lightning creek in the Nation.





About the 15th of May 1866 I first saw this party with their families at their new home. Citizens and others of this colored party told witness that they returned in March 1866 to the Nation.

Be Direct

I learned from John Jones that some of this colored party returned to Indian after their families and a few returned. I was at General Convention of the colored people in 1866. It was without understanding that the purpose of this convention was to ratify the Treaty of 1866. I was not present at the convention and to ratify the Treaty. The Treaty was concluded on the 26th of Aug. 1866. It is information. It might have been July 10, 1866.

Witness went south during the war. J. B. Jones was not of the party herein mentioned. J. B. Jones was a slave agent afterwards.

B. T. Liberty.

Attest

D. L. Nicholson,  
Clerk.

Artem Philmore

vs  
Cherokee Nation.

Taken on May 15, 1878.

This day before John F. Lyons Atty for Cherokee Nation and denies all and being that the allegations of plaintiff contained in the above named case.

John F. Lyons,  
Atty for C. N.

Arthur G. Croninger, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full the proceedings in the above case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

(Signed) Arthur G. Croninger.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of June, 1902..

(SEAL)

(Signed) P. G. Reuter.

Notary Public.

I, Arthur G. Evans, a stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, do hereby state that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of the original notes filed with the Commission, as the same were written by me.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Aug., 1902.

Arthur Evans,  
Notary Public.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, February 8th, 1903.

In the matter of the application  
of Harry Still for the enroll-  
ment of himself as a Cherokee  
Freedman.

Supplemental to F-876.

Appearances:

Lewis T. Brown appears for Applicant.  
W. W. Hastings appears by Cherokee Nation.

Harry Still, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. What is your name? A. Harry Still.  
Q. How old are you? A. About 54.  
Q. What is your post office? A. Hayden.  
Q. Are you claiming the right to be enrolled as a Cherokee  
Freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Your name doesn't appear on the roll of 1880, does it?  
A. No, sir.  
Q. On what, then, do you base your rights of citizenship?  
A. On the ground that I was a slave of a Cherokee and  
returned within the limit.  
Q. What was your owner's name? A. George Whitmire.  
Q. Was he a Cherokee citizen? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. He was your owner before the war? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. How, did you go out of the Cherokee Nation during the  
war? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Where did you go? A. Fort Scott.  
Q. Kansas? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Who did you go out with? A. I went out with a crowd;  
perhaps a hundred people.  
Q. Cherokee slaves? A. Yes, sir; mixed, some Cherokees  
by blood.  
Q. What year was that? A. '62, I think.  
Q. How long did you stay in Fort Scott? A. Until '65.  
Q. Until 1865? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Where did you go in 1865? A. I went up from there in  
Douglas county.  
Q. Kansas? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. How long did you stay in Douglas county? A. Stayed  
there perhaps about two months and left in '65 and come back to  
the Cherokee Nation; Fort Gibson.  
Q. What time in 1865 was that? A. November.  
Q. Who did you come with? A. Lewis Still.  
Q. What relation was he to you? A. My father's first cousin.  
Q. Anybody else? A. No, sir.  
Q. Where did you go to? A. Fort Gibson.  
Q. Did you locate there? A. No, sir.  
Q. How long did you stay in Fort Gibson? A. 3 or 4 days.  
Q. Then where did you go? A. Back to Fort Scott.  
Q. How long did you stay in Fort Scott? A. Stayed there  
a day or two.

Q. What year was that; still '68, was it? A. Yes, sir; it was in November, '68, and it was about the last of November when we got back.

Q. You stayed a few days in Fort Scott? A. Yes, sir. I went from there to Lawrence and along in the spring of '66, April or May, I come back.

Q. Who did you come back with? A. My mother.

Q. What was her name? A. Mary-Hayden. Reed Whitney, Joe King---

Q. Who else came with you? A. Well, I had several with me; I had Joe King when I made the first trip.

Q. I mean the second time? A. There was a good many. Old lady Lacey and her children were with me, mother, Andy Rider, and Reed Whitney, Sarah Buffington and a man--there was a white man with us by the name of John. I don't know his last name. He come with us. That was in the fall of '66.

Q. Fall of 1866? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You went back to Kansas again, did you? A. Yes, sir; I made three trips.

Q. When did you come to the Cherokee Nation to make your residence? A. Along about October.

Q. 1866? A. Yes, sir.

Q. The former trips you made were simply visits? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You didn't come to make your home here until your mother came?

BY MR. BROWN:

At this time the applicant moves the Commission to inform this applicant as to the object of this inquiry, in order that he may make a proper defense.

BY THE COMMISSION:

The object of this inquiry is that the Commission is not satisfied with the proof of this applicant's citizenship and his residence in the Cherokee Nation and this inquiry is to determine his rights to citizenship and his residence.

BY MR. BROWN:

The applicant desires to state that on the 31st day of May, 1902, he submitted his case to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for final hearing. That he desires to introduce no further testimony but this applicant is willing that the Commission decide his case upon the testimony already introduced. That he objects, at this time, to being interrogated as to his citizenship and desires to have the Commission pass upon that objection before proceeding further.

BY THE COMMISSION:

The objection is overruled, as this testimony is being taken at the instance of the Commission.

Q. (Question read). A. No, sir.

Q. Where have you been living since you came to the Cherokee Nation to make your home here? A. Lightening Creek, sir.

Q. Where is that? A. 20 miles west of this place.

Q. Is that in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you been living in the Cherokee Nation ever since that time? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you ever gone out of the Cherokee Nation to stay?

A. No, sir; never have.

Q. You have lived within the Cherokee continuously?

A. Yes, sir; my home has always been here.



Examination by Mr. Hastings.

Q. Who came with you when you came the last time; when you came to locate permanently; when you came in '66?

BY MR. BROWN:

Objected to as incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial in this case.

BY THE COMMISSION:

The objection will be noted.

A. I can tell you. I would like to explain why I ain't on the 1880 roll, if you will allow me.

BY MR. BROWN:

Just answer the question.

BY THE WITNESS:

Maria Hayden, Sarah Buffington, Andy Rider, Joe King, Reed Whitney, Sallie Lacey came with me here.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

Q. Who was living on Lightening Creek at that time? A. There was nobody living on Lightening Creek at that time.

Q. Was Lewis Whitmire there? A. No, sir; Lewis Whitmire lived with his father four miles west of there.

Q. Who was Lewis Whitmire's father? A. Major Wright.

Q. Was he living there at that time? A. Living there at what time?

Q. When you and your mother came and permanently located?

A. The old man Major was there. I don't know exactly when old man Major come there. I don't know whether he was there at that time or not.

Q. How long was it before you went over there some four or five miles and located a home? A. I don't know just how long it was.

Q. Well, about how long after you came down with your mother, as you stated? A. Well, sir; I don't know just exactly when it was. I know it was after Aaron went up in the gap.

Q. How long after, was it? A. I don't know how long it was.

Q. Was it a month? A. Perhaps that long.

Q. Was it as long as a month? A. I don't know for certain. I know he was there.

Q. You knew he was there when you located down there? A. No, sir.

Q. Hadn't you heard of it? A. I heard he was there. I didn't bring him here.

Q. Who were your neighbors around there? A. Well, sir; I had none. Lewis Wright was the first man that took a claim.

Q. Did you and your mother continue to live there? A. I did.

Q. Did your mother? A. My mother went back to Kansas.

Q. How long did she stay there?

BY MR. BROWN:

Objected to as incompetent, Irrelevant and immaterial; that whatever the mother of the applicant did is not binding upon this applicant. For the further reason that the citizenship of this applicant has been passed upon by a court of competent jurisdiction and that court admitted this applicant to citizenship, and that this Commission has no right at this time to investigate his case, the case having been closed on the 31st day of May, 1902.

BY THE COMMISSION:

The objection will be noted.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

- Q. (Question read). A. About three months.
- Q. Did you know Major Wright before your mother left? A. Did I?
- Q. Yes. A. I think I did.
- Q. With whom did you live after your mother left? A. Sometimes I stayed with Aaron Wright, then I went down on Grand river and stayed with my father some.
- Q. Who did you first stay with immediately after your mother left? A. Stayed with myself; we had a place.
- Q. You made a place? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Batching on the place? A. No, sir; Reed and Joe stayed there.
- Q. Did you have a house? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. How far from where the Hayden post office now is? A. 3 miles.
- Q. What direction? A. Northeast.
- Q. From whom did you purchase the place? A. Nobody; made it.
- Q. How long did you occupy that place? A. About 6 or 7 years.
- Q. Then you sold it? A. I didn't sell it; bought another one and abandoned--left the house. Bought a place in '72 and moved away from there. Been there ever since--since '72--right where I live now; living right out there. I bought the place in '72 and been there ever since.

Examination by Mr. Brown.

- Q. Mr. Still, you lived in the Cherokee Nation at the beginning of the war? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Did you go out of the country during the war? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. When did you return? A. I returned in '65, the first trip.
- Q. Were you here between the period from July, 1866, to February, 1867? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Were you here in the fall of 1866? A. Yes, sir; was right here on Lightning Creek.
- Q. Did you ever apply to the Bob Daniels Court to be admitted as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Were you admitted? A. I was the first man who applied for a right here after the war. I was admitted.
- Q. Did you have a certificate of admission? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. At the time you applied to this Commission to be enrolled as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation did you file with your case that certificate? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since your arrival here in the fall of 1866? A. Yes, sir; made this my home.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

The Cherokee Nation asks that the testimony introduced in Freedman Doubtful #828 be made a part of the record in this case.

BY MR. BROWN:

The applicant objects for the reason that the Commission notified this applicant that if he had any testimony to introduce that he must introduce it prior to May 31st, 1902; that the applicant produced the testimony at that time that he had to introduce and his case was finally submitted to the Commission for a decision. That at this time the Commission, or the Cherokee Nation, has no right to go into an investigation of this kind, as the case has been finally closed.



For the further reason that a judicial body of competent jurisdiction has passed upon this applicant's right to citizenship and no power that the legislative or executive department may have is equal of the subrogation or invalidation of what rights that judicial body has given this applicant, and the applicant certainly objects to the testimony of any other case being thrown into this case. That at the time that evidence was introduced the applicant was not present and under no theory of law whatever was the case referred to be made a part of the record in this case. That it does not appear what case that is.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

The representative of the Cherokee Nation will state that the case, Freedman Doubtful #618, is the case of Edward Wright, and in that case the question was exhaustively gone into as to when Aaron and Major Wright returned to the Cherokee Nation and from the testimony of this applicant it is very material to show the time of the return of the applicant. That like reference to this have been made in other cases, times to numerous to mention at this time, both by the applicants and the Cherokee Nation.

BY MR. BROWN:

I desire to know at this time whether the commission holds that this applicant has no right at this time, or the Cherokee Nation, to come in with additional testimony.

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has no particular rule by which it is governed in taking testimony in these cases, and decides each particular case as it comes up. Whenever the Commission is not satisfied with the record in a case, the Commission will at its own instance, take evidence to complete it. If at that hearing the applicant desires to offer further testimony to support his application, the Commission has no objection to such testimony.

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Jesse O. Carr, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of February, 1903.

*Samuel Gorman*  
Notary Public.

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Clatsop, I. T., Nov 1st 1895

Received of Harry Still of Hayden Seven Dollars and ---Cents,  
To apply on the following permit:

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| Chas Crippin | 4 months | Jany 1st 1896  |
| H. Crippin   | 5 "      | " "            |
| E. Pringer   | 5 "      | March 1st 1896 |

Joe M. Lahay  
Clerk of Cooweescoowee District

SERIES A.  
No. 81

(ACT OF NOVEMBER 5th, 1892)

Cherokee Nation, Cooweescoowee District.  
Permission is hereby granted Harry Still a citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation, to employ Willis House as a farmer for the term  
of One Month from this date.

"No permit shall be issued for a longer period than Dec. 31  
of the year in which the permit is issued."

50 CENTS

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 1st day of Dec. 1895

Joe M. Lahay  
Clerk Cooweescoowee District.

Countersigned:

E. E. Starr  
Treasurer Cherokee Nation.

SERIES A.  
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(ACT OF NOVEMBER 5th, 1892)

Cherokee Nation, Cooweescoowee District

Permission is hereby granted Harry Still a citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation, to employ Jno. Borien as a farmer for the term  
of One Month from this date.

"No permit shall be issued for a longer period than Dec. 31  
of the year in which the permit is issued."

50 CENTS

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 1st day of Jany 1894

Joe M. Lahay  
Clerk Cooweescoowee District

Countersigned:

E. E. Starr  
Treasurer Cherokee Nation.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Muskogee, I. T., April 28, 1903.

I, the undersigned, a member of the Commission to the Five  
Civilized Tribes, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing  
are true and complete copies of the originals offered in evidence  
in the matter of the application for enrollment of Cherokee F 876.

(Signed) G. E. BRECKINRIDGE  
Commissioner

Cherokee Freedmen #876.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

D E C I S I O N .

The record in this case shows that on May 21, 1901, Harry Still appeared before the Commission at Vinita, Indian Territory, and made personal application for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Further proceedings in the matter of said application were had at Vinita, Indian Territory, on February 2, 1903. Copies of the testimony taken at various times in the case of Edward Wright, Cherokee Freedmen B-818, are made a part of the record herein.

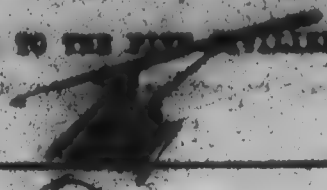
The evidence shows that the applicant, Harry Still, was the slave of a Cherokee citizen at the commencement of the rebellion, and that he left the Cherokee Nation during the rebellion. The evidence further shows that he did not thereafter return to and establish his residence in the Cherokee Nation until he came to said nation with his mother, Mariah Hayden.


The Commission has decided in the case of Henry C. Hayden et al., Cherokee Freedmen B-198, that the said Mariah Hayden did not return to and take up her residence in the Cherokee Nation until after the time specified in the Cherokee treaty of 1866 for the return of Cherokee Freedmen to said nation, which decision was approved by the Department on November 28, 1902, (IT.D. 5922, 6242-1902). Hence, it is considered that said Harry Still did not return to and establish a residence in the Cherokee Nation until after February 11, 1867.

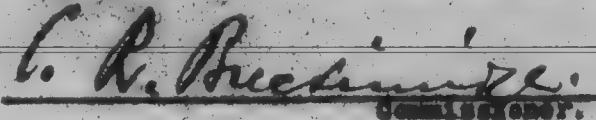
The name of the said Harry Still is not found on the 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation.

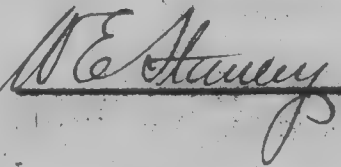
It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that the application for the enrollment of Harry Still as a Cherokee Freedman should be denied, under the provisions of Section twenty-one of the act of Congress approved June 20, 1906 (34 Stat., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
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CHAIRMAN.

  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee I. T. May 27th 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Harry Still as a Cherokee Freedman.

C. F. # 876.

Brief for the Cherokee Nation.

From the Departmental Letter of May 9, 1904 ( I. T. D 3640-1904) transmitting a copy of a letter of the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs dated May 2, 1904 (Land 20520; 22382 and 27910- 1904), there is submitted the only question for consideration in this case, being that of the admission of the applicant by the supreme court of the Cherokee Nation on June 7th 1871 to all of the rights of Cherokee Citizenship under the treaty of 1866.

The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rejected the applicant holding that under the testimony that applicant did not return to the Cherokee Nation prior to February 11th 1867 and referred to the case of Henry C. Hayden for the enrollment of his wife Mariah Hayden (I. T. D. 5988, 6242-1902) which was affirmed by the Department.

There is but one question to be determined in this case by the Department and that is whether or not the Department holds that the decision of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation on June 7th 1871 was binding upon the Cherokee Nation even though the applicant did not return in time as decided by the Commission which decision so far as the question of fact is concerned seems to have been concurred in by the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the following language:

"Considering this record in connection with the Department's holding in the case of his mother, Mariah Hayden, it is not probable that the applicant returned before February 11, 1867."

The name of the applicant does not appear upon the 1880 roll, and therefore the Commission had the authority under the law to reject the applicant unless it is held by the Department



that the judgment of the Supreme Court of 1871 is a valid and subsisting judgment binding alike upon all parties.

Of course if this judgment is binding upon the Cherokee Nation like judgment should also be binding upon all applicants who applied to this same court for readmission to citizenship and this is a question which the Cherokee nation desires be submitted for consideration and we would like to have a decision in this case as to what force and effect shall be given to the decision of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee nation.

Respectfully Submitted,

*W. W. Hastings*  
Attorney for the Cherokee nation.

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Census of Cherokee Citizens residing in Coosawatomie District  
Shoalwater Nation, authorized by an act of the National Council  
Approved April 15, 1893.

| No. | Name        | Age | Male | By whom identified   |
|-----|-------------|-----|------|--|
| 786 | Harry Stall | 48  | "    | Certificate from W. P. Ross<br>Aug. 8/98 as Principal Chief. |

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and  
correct copy of certain words and figures found upon page 30  
of the Cherokee Census roll (Coosawatomie District) of 1893,  
and that said roll is in the lawful custody of this office.

W. O. Beall  
Acting Commissioner

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this DEC 2-1905

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Cherokee Freedman 876.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
VINITA, I. T., APRIL 4, 1906.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS had in the matter of the application for the enrollment of HARRY STILL as a Cherokee freedman.

APPEARANCES:

For Applicant, Applicant in person and by his attorneys, W. J. Sullivan and Lewis T. Brown.

For Cherokee Nation, L. B. Bell and J. S. Davenport.

It appears from the records in this case that the hearing of this case was set for trial at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on March 8, 1906; that on February 27, 1906, on motion of the Commissioner the same was continued until March 29, 1906, at Muskogee, Indian Territory; and that on March 21, 1906, by agreement between the attorneys for the applicant and the Cherokee Nation, this case was continued until April 4, 1906, at Vinita, Indian Territory, at which time and place the following proceedings were had.

Mr. Davenport:

The representatives of the Cherokee Nation state that they have no further testimony to present against the individual applicant, Harry Still, and that the said applicant, Harry Still, as shown by the records of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation was admitted to citizenship June 7, 1871, and the representatives of the Cherokee Nation believe that that decision of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation is binding upon the Cherokee Nation, they not being in possession of any evidence to show that any fraud was practiced in the procuring of the judgment.

Mr. Sullivan:

Now comes the applicant, Harry Still, by his attorneys, L. T. Brown and W. J. Sullivan, and submit the case upon the statement of the representatives of the Cherokee Nation and upon the judgment of the Cherokee Supreme Court heretofore admitting said applicant to all the rights, privileges, and immunities as a Cherokee citizen. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER: The case will be closed and a decision rendered on the evidence heretofore introduced.

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Geo. H. Lessey, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of April, 1906.

*B. P. Rasmus*  
Notary Public.

( S E C T I O N )

Cherokee Nation

An Act for taking the census of the Cherokee Nation, in the year 1870, and conferring power upon the Supreme Court, in try and determine cases of doubtful citizenship, at an extra term, Ist. That it enacted by the National Council; That two expert responsible persons to be appointed by the Principal Chief (in each district) and who shall be residents of the district, for which they are appointed, be and they are hereby directed and authorized to take the census of their respective districts, between the first day of March, and the first day of September, 1870; and make full and certified returns thereof to the Principal Chief on or before the first day of October of said year. The said Census takers, before entering upon their duty hereby assigned them, shall take an oath for the full impartial and correct performance of the same, as herein after defined.

2d. That it shall be the duty of said census takers, to take a full and complete return of all persons found residing or sojourning within the limits of their respective districts at the time of making the enumeration, as required by the foregoing Section. And said returns, shall show the names of all heads of families; the names of all males, above the age of eighteen; the names of all females above the age of 18 years; the names of all males under eighteen years; the names, sex and age of all orphans under sixteen years of age; the names of all whites entitled by law to citizenship within the ages above specified; the names of whites not so entitled; the names of all colored persons entitled by law to citizenship, within said ages; and the names of all such persons not entitled, and the names of all Indians not so entitled.

3. That it shall be the duty of the Principal Chief, to cause ruled blanks to be prepared of a suitable and convenient form, and furnished to said census takers, for the purpose of making the enumeration herein provided for; and said census takers shall be allowed three dollars per day while engaged in the performance

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of their duties, heretofore imposed upon them.

That it shall be the duty of the Principal Chief to cause a summary of the returns of said census to be prepared and laid before the National Council, together with the full returns of the same at the beginning of the annual session thereof in 1870. And which returns shall serve as the basis for apportioning the representation of the several districts of the Cherokee Nation in the National Council, in accordance with the amendment with the constitution, dated November 28, 1866.

5. That all persons whose rights to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation shall be called in question, and who shall be reported by the persons authorized by this act to take a census of the Cherokee people, on the list of doubtful persons, shall be required to appear before the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah on the first Monday in December 1870, then and there to establish their right to citizenship in the nation. And the said Supreme Court, is hereby especially empowered to act as a court of Commission on behalf of the nation for the hearing and determination of all cases of doubtful citizenship which shall be reported to them by the census takers or by the solicitors of the several districts. And the decision of said court shall be deemed final and conclusive in the premises, as to the rights of said persons to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation.

And the said Court, shall cause a correct list of the names and ages of all persons whose rights they may confirm; and one of those whose rights they may reject; to be placed on record in their office, and a copy of the same to be furnished to the Principal Chief, for the use of the Executive Department.

Tahlequah, C. N.

Novr. 26, 1869.

Approved 3rd. Decr. 1869, the date of presentation.

Lewis Downing

Principal Chief



Cherokee D-119

( SEAL )

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Executive Department, Cherokee Nation.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy as shown by the record now on file in this office, of which I am legal custodian. Given from under my hand and seal of office on this the 18th. day of July 1903.

(Signed)

J. T. Parks

Executive Secretary.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Muskegee, Indian Territory, July 16, 1903.

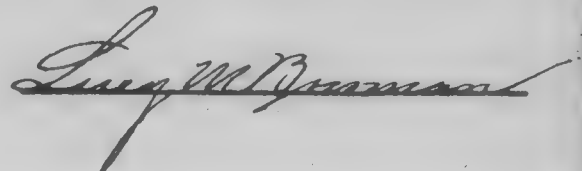
I, the undersigned, a member of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original now on file with this Commission.

(Signed)

T. B. Needles  
Commissioner

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The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes she made the above and foregoing copy and that same is a full true and correct copy of the copy of the instrument above indicated, now on file in this office.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of April, 1906.

  
Notary Public

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

COLORADO DOUBTFUL ROLES.

ONE YEAR SUNDAY

CONTINUED

R. A. 25 Harry Still Too late. Witness Geo Still  
Decided in favour of defendant June 7th 1871.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and  
correct copy of certain words and figures found on Page 29  
"Booklet of Beautiful Cases for Churches & Schools" tried in 1871  
and that said booklet is in the lawful custody of this office.

*W. O. Bean*

Acting Commissioner

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory

this APR 17 1906

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2. A. 23. Harry Still. See later. Witness was Still.  
Decided in favour of defendant June 9th 1871.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of certain words and figures found on Page 25 "Docket of Doubtful Cases for Cherokee Citizenship tried in 1871", and that said docket is in the lawful custody of this Office.

It is ordered that the foregoing be filed with, and made a part of, the record in the case of Harry Still, Cherokee Freedman No. 876.

(Signed)

Wm. D. Beall  
Acting Commissioner.

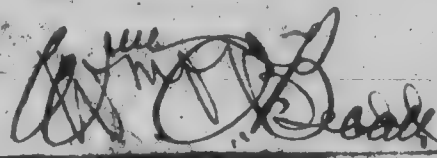
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of  
Harry Still as a Cherokee Freedman, case No. 876.

O R D E R .

It is hereby ordered that a copy of an Act of the  
Cherokee Council approved December 3, 1868, of a decree of  
the Cherokee Supreme Court rendered on June 7, 1871, in favor  
of Harry Still, and of the enrollment of Harry Still on the  
Cherokee census roll of 1893, be filed with and made a part  
of the record in Cherokee Freedman case No. 876.

(Signed)   
Acting Commissioner.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this MAY 9-1895

F. D. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES:

You are requested to enter STARR & PATTER of VINITA, INDIAN TERRITORY, as my sole Attorneys representing me in the matter of my application for the enrollment of myself and those I represent as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

You are advised that the authority heretofore given any other Attorney to represent me is hereby revoked.

Harry Still

APPLICANT.

DATED AT Hayden INDIAN TERRITORY,  
THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 1906.

*James P. [unclear]  
[unclear] & daughter  
Agnes [unclear]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Cherokee Freedmen 876.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Harry Still as a Cherokee freedman.

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DECISION.

THE RECORD IN THIS CASE SHOWS: That Harry Still appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes on May 21, 1901, at Vinita, Indian Territory and made application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, that further proceedings in the matter of said application were had on February 8, 1903, at the same place, and that copies of certain proceedings had on June 22, 1901, and May 20, 1902, at Nowata and Muskogee, Indian Territory, in re application of Edward Wright (Derrick) for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, case No. B 818, are filed herewith and made a part of the record herein.

The record further shows that on March 8, 1904, the Commission rendered its decision herein denying said applicant the right to enrollment as a Cherokee freedman and that on March 24, 1904, the proceedings in the case were duly forwarded to the Department; that on May 9, 1904 (I.T.D. 3640-04), the Department returned the record for reconsideration, and that on June 23, 1904, after due consideration, the Commission again forwarded the record to the Department and recommended that its decision of March 8, 1904, be not disturbed; that subsequently, to-wit: on November 16, 1904 (I.T.D. 7658-04), the Department allowed the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation thirty days within which to submit any argument in the matter they might desire, and the applicant ten days within which to answer same, and that on August 14, 1905, the Nation filed its argument with the Department. That thereafter, to-wit: on October 16, 1905 (I.T.D. 7658-04, 12208-05), the Department, in accordance with an opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General rendered on October 5, 1905, remanded the record

for readjudication and that all parties concerned were duly notified of said Departmental action.

It further appears that on January 24, 1906 (I.T.D. 1104-06), on request of this office, the Department granted a rehearing in this case and that in accordance therewith all parties hereto were duly notified that on a certain date they would be permitted to introduce such testimony as they might desire, and that after several continuances further proceedings were had on April 4, 1906, at Vinita, Indian Territory, at which time the parties to these proceedings appeared in person and by attorney, but declined to proceed further--the Cherokee Nation alleging that it had no further testimony to offer against the applicant, and submitted that inasmuch as the Cherokee Supreme Court had decreed in favor of his freedman citizenship the Nation was bound by such decree, upon which admission the applicant elected to submit his case on the record theretofore made. And that subsequently certified copies of an Act of the Cherokee Council approved December 3, 1869, a decree of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation rendered June 7, 1871, and of the tribal enrollment of the applicant in 1893, together with certain correspondence were filed with and made a part of the record herein.

**THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE SHOWS:** That the applicant herein bases his right to Cherokee freedman citizenship on a decree of the Cherokee Supreme (Daniels) Court, rendered June 7, 1871, wherein it was adjudged that he had complied with certain provisions of Article IX, Treaty of 1866.

Jurisdiction of certain questions relative to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation was conferred upon the Supreme Court of said Nation by the Act of December 3, 1869, supra, which is entitled, "An Act for taking the census of the Cherokee Nation in 1870, and conferring power upon the Supreme Court to try and determine cases of doubtful citizenship, at an extra term." This Act made provision for the appointment of two persons in each district who were "to take the census of their respective districts between the first day of March, and the first day of September, 1870: and make full and certified returns thereof to the Principal Chief on or before the first day of October of said year." The census and returns so made were to be laid before the National Council at the beginning of its annual session in 1870 and were to "serve as the basis for apportioning the representation of the several districts of the Cherokee Nation in the National Council". Secs. 1 & 3.

Section 2 provided in part, as follows: "That it shall be the duty of said census takers, to take a full and complete return of all persons found residing or sojourning within the limits of their respective districts at the time of making the enumeration. And said returns shall show the names of all colored persons entitled by law to citizenship within certain ages, and the names of all such persons not entitled."

And Section 3 made provision: "That all persons whose rights to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation shall be called in question, and who shall be reported by the persons authorized by this Act to take a census of the Cherokee people, on the list of doubtful persons, shall be required to appear before the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah on the first Monday in

December 1870, then and there to establish their right to citizenship in the nation. And the said Supreme Court is hereby especially empowered to act as a Court of Commission on behalf of the Nation for the hearing and determination of all cases of doubtful citizenship which shall be reported to them by the census takers or by the solicitors of the several districts."

The census takers above mentioned submitted to the Cherokee Supreme Court a list containing the names of 389 persons whose citizenship, and that of their families, for various reasons, was considered doubtful. Of this number 173 were colored persons. Upon receipt of this list the Supreme Court entered in a docket the names enumerated thereon. This docket was known and described as "Docket of doubtful cases for Cherokee Citizenship tried in 1871." On the first eighteen pages were entered the names of all those whose citizenship was reported as doubtful, other than colored persons, and from pages 26 to 67 inclusive were entered the names of such colored persons--in each instance the name being entered under the district in which the person was found. Opposite each name was written the reason why the person's citizenship was considered doubtful, e.g. as to certain persons other than colored "Taken reservation of 320 acres on Neutral Lands", and as to colored persons, "State raised", "Sold out of the nation," and, as in the case at bar, "Too late". These reasons, evidently, were included as a part of the census taker's returns made to the Supreme Court and indicated that as to some persons it was the opinion of the census takers, based probably on common report, that they had forfeited their Cherokee citizenship, that others not having been the slaves of Cherokee citizens, or free colored persons residing in the Cherokee country at the commencement of the rebellion or having failed to return to the Cherokee Nation after the rebellion within a certain time, were not entitled to Cherokee freedman citizenship under the provisions of Article IX, Treaty of 1866. As to all such and like questions relative to the citizenship of any person whose name appeared upon the list submitted by the census takers or solicitors of the several districts the Supreme Court was authorized to investigate and decide and for this purpose was empowered to summon before it and put to their proof all these persons whose rights to Cherokee citizenship was reported "doubtful."

An examination of the Act of December 3, 1869, supra., will show that the Supreme Court, since commonly known as the "Daniels Court", was delegated a very limited authority, viz: the power to pass upon questions of fact incidental to the rights of certain persons to Cherokee citizenship. It had neither authority to grant to, nor withdraw from, any person, the rights of Cherokee citizenship, and the attempted exercise of such authority would have resulted in a decree absolutely null and void for the very cogent reason that such an adjudication would have been upon a matter not within its jurisdiction. That the Court understood its jurisdiction was so limited is evident from the docket entries above referred to, viz: "State raised", "Sold out of the nation", and "Too late", and also from the form of its judgments entered in each case, namely, "Decided in favor of claimant" or "claimants" or "Decided against Claimant" or "Claimants". Hence I am of the opinion that the contention of the applicant that the judgment of the Cherokee Supreme Court, supra., admitted him "to all the rights, privileges and immunities of a Cherokee citizen", is not tenable. If the applicant is entitled to Cherokee citizenship

he acquired such right by virtue of his compliance with the provisions of Article IX, Treaty of 1866, and not by the judgment of the Cherokee Supreme Court.

Furthermore it is conclusively shown by the present record in this case that the only question passed upon by the Cherokee Supreme Court in its decree of June 7, 1871, supra., was the question of fact, to wit: Did the applicant return to the Cherokee Nation after the rebellion within the time stipulated in Article IX, Treaty of 1866. Consequently, if, as the applicant contends, and the Cherokee Nation admits, all parties hereto are bound by the above mentioned decree, and the applicant must be enrolled as a Cherokee freedman, this office would be precluded from investigating or considering certain questions of fact relative to his right to Cherokee freedman citizenship not heretofore judicially investigated or in anywise passed upon, viz: Whether or not he was the slave of a Cherokee citizen, or a free colored person residing in the Cherokee country, at the commencement of the rebellion, and which in turn would in effect, abridge the powers vested in this office by Paragraph II, Section 21, of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 496).

In its letter of June 23, 1904, supra., the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, for reasons therein set forth, expressed the opinion that it had jurisdiction of all questions of fact relative to the right of any applicant to Cherokee freedman citizenship, whether formerly adjudicated by the Cherokee authorities or not, and in view of the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General rendered in this case on October 5, 1905, this office will hold that it has jurisdiction of all questions material to the right of the applicant herein to such citizenship.

This office has discussed this matter in detail in order to show its reasons for the opinion that the Daniels Court possessed a very limited jurisdiction in Cherokee citizenship matters and that its decrees relative thereto were only upon questions of fact and not conclusive upon this office.

It is apparent from the record in this case that the applicant did not appear before the Daniels Court and testify as to his return, but rather was represented by one George Still, who, without the solicitation or knowledge of the claimant, testified in his behalf and convinced the court that the one doubtful point reported, upon which the claimant's right to Cherokee freedman citizenship depended should be decided in his favor. The identity of this witness, or his means of knowing the matter of which he testified before the Daniels Court on this occasion, is not made manifest by the record, but, in the absence of proof to the contrary, it must be presumed that he was wholly competent as a witness, and was possessed of the requisite information. Therefore, inasmuch as the Cherokee Nation has offered no direct proof to the contrary, the aforesaid decree must be held to establish that the applicant complied with the aforementioned provision of Article IX, Treaty of 1866. This conclusion is strengthened by the fact that in 1893 the Cherokee Nation placed him on its census roll as a freedman citizen.

Another point raised by the Assistant Attorney General in his opinion in this and the Josie Alberty cases is this, viz: Could the applicant herein establish a domicile in the Cherokee Nation on or before February 11, 1867, he being in his minority at that time?

The evidence before this office shows conclusively that Mariah Hayden, nee Whitmire, mother of this applicant, lived with her husband in Kansas continuously from 1868 till 1873 or 1874, and that his father, Reuben Still, lived on Grand River, Cherokee Nation, from some time prior to 1870 till his death about 1890, and that subsequent to the close of the war he never lived with either of his parents. Consequently it is considered that on his return to the Cherokee Nation after the rebellion said applicant emancipated himself from parental authority and was competent to establish a legal domicile of his own.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSION:** It is considered that the evidence in this case shows that the applicant herein was the slave of a Cherokee citizen, and resided in the Cherokee Nation, at the commencement of the rebellion. That he removed from said Nation during the war, but later returned thereto, and, up to and including September 1, 1902, has since continuously resided therein. And, following the ruling of the Department in the case of Thomas J. Lasley et al (I.T.D. 7492-1905), it is further considered that the burden of proof was on the Cherokee Nation to show that the judgment of the "Daniels Court" on the question of fact, to-wit: The date of applicant's return to the Cherokee Nation after the rebellion, was erroneous, and that in this it has wholly failed.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:** That its said decision in this case rendered by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes on March 8, 1904, be set aside and held for naught, and that in accordance with the provisions of Section Twenty-one of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1896 (50 Stat. 485), Harry Still is entitled to enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, and his application for enrollment as such is accordingly granted.

  
Commissioner

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,

this AUG 20 1906





7, 1803

Received from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes one copy of the testimony in the  
matter of the application of *Henry H. Brown*

for enrollment as *a Freedman* of the Cherokee Nation.

Cherokee H. No. 176

*Louis H. Brown*  
Att. in the case

# 876

Received the copy of  
Test. in Cherokee  
freedman case of  
Harry Still

Stan Patton  
(Atty for appt)

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Received of Harry Still  
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To apply on the following permits:

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Joe M Sahay  
CLERK OF COONEESCOOWEE DISTRICT.

( C O T Y )

Hayden, I.T. April 96

W. O. Skull,

Muskegon, I.T.

Dear girl:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Commission to the five civilized tribes requesting me to furnish that office information concerning one George Still as to my understanding at that time that George Still was summons there by the Cherokee Nation. & and if he made testimony in my case it was did with out my knowledge it was always my understanding that he was summons to tell whether he sold Reuben Still or not & a if he made any testimony for me he did it with out my request.

Respt.

(Signed) Harry Still.

P.S. If there is anything more please write me at once.

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Hayden, I. T April 26

W.O. Beall, Acting Com.

Muskogee, I.T.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you a few lines the other day & did not understand that you wanted to know in reference to one George Staill as I said in my other letter I know that George Still was in Tahlequah in 1871 & I think that the Cherokee Nation had him summons there if you cant understand the letters clearly that I have wrote you please send me a blank form of questions containing the questions that you would like to know & I will go to a Notary if necessary & be qualified to it please write me at once so I will know if you rec'd my letters.

Respd.

Harry Still.

Vinita, Indian Territory, February 11, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskegee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed herewith a letter from Louis T. Brown, requesting copy of testimony in the following applications for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen:

Cherokee Freedman, 876, Harry Still.  
Cherokee Freedman, R-33, Leah Brewer.

There is also enclosed a copy of the testimony in the case of Harry Still, together with a blank receipt for this testimony. The jacket in Cherokee Freedman case R-33, is in the office of the Commission at Muskegee.

Respectfully,

Clerk in Charge.

Encl. P-84 .

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

FILED

MAR 8 1903

*[Handwritten signature]*

CHAS. H. HARRIS

Cherokee D-876

Vinita, Indian Territory, March 8th, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the record in the matter of the application of Harry Still, Cherokee Freedmen #876. This applicant is claiming as a former slave of a Cherokee citizen but as he is not identified on the roll of 1880, it is respectfully recommended that a decision be prepared.

Respectfully,

Clerk in Charge:

Enc. C-84.  
JOC.

Copy  
Cherokee Freedmen  
#876

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1904.

Harry Still,

Hayden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated March 5, 1904, rejecting your application for the enrollment of yourself as a Cherokee freedman. There has this day been forwarded your agent, Louis T. Brown, Vinita, Indian Territory, a copy of the record of proceedings had in the case, together with a copy of the commission's decision.

The decision, with the record of proceedings had in the case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Encl. V-38

Commissioner in Charge.

Registered.

COPY

Cherokee freedman  
# 876

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1904.

Louis T. Brown,

Agent for Harry Still,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the record of proceedings had in the matter of the application of Harry Still for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee freedman, together with a copy of the Commission's decision dated March 5, 1904, rejecting said application.

The decision, with the record of proceedings had in the case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Encl. V-39

Registered.

Commissioner in Charge.

COPY.

Cherokee freedman  
1876

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1904.

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for the Cherokee Nation,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the five Civilized Tribes, dated March 5, 1904, rejecting the application of Harry Still for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee freedman.

The decision, with the record of the proceedings had in the case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Encl. V40

Commissioner in Charge.

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Cherokee Freedman  
1874

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 26, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is herewith transmitted the record of proceedings had in the matter of the application of Harry Still for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee freedman, including the Commission's decision dated March 5, 1904, rejecting said application.

Respectfully,

*I. B. Needles.*

Encl. V-41

Commissioner in Charge.

Through the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.



Shoshone P-278

Wahkiakum, Indian Territory, May 24, 1904.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

(Shoshone Division).

Wahkiakum, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

As requested in the Commissioner's letter of May 18, there is enclosed herewith jacket and record in Shoshone P-278. Harry Still.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge  
Shoshone Land Office.

MRB  
Encl. P-182

Cherokee Freedmen #876.

Amahkee, Indian Territory, April 21, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is herewith transmitted for consideration, a motion for rehearing, filed by the attorney for the applicant in Cherokee Freedmen case No. 876, Harry Still.

The Commission's decision in this case was forwarded to the Department for review on March 24, 1904.

Respectfully,

Through the  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Chairman.

Enc. D-1.

Refer in reply to the following:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, May 2, 1904.

( C O P Y )

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated March 24, 1904, transmitting the record relative to the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; also a report from the Commission dated April 21, 1904, forwarding for consideration, a motion for rehearing filed by the attorney for the applicant.

March 5, 1904, the Commission denied the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. They refer to Departmental decision of November 20, 1902, I.T.D. 5988, 6242, in the matter of the application of Henry C. Hayden for the enrollment of himself as an intermarried freedman, and for the enrollment of his wife, Mariah Hayden, as a Cherokee Freedman. The Department denied the application, it being shown by the record that Mariah Hayden did not return to the Cherokee Nation until after February 11, 1867.

The applicant claims that he returned to the Cherokee Nation in 1865; that he only stayed three or four days and returned to Fort Scott, Kansas, and that he again returned to the Cherokee Nation with his mother in the fall of 1866.

Considering this record in connection with the Department's holding in the case of his mother, Mariah Hayden, it is not probable that the applicant returned before February 11, 1867. However, the office does not, in view of the record, believe that this case should be decided upon that point, as it is shown by the record that on June 7, 1871, the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation rendered a decision admitting Harry Still "to all the rights of Cherokee citizenship under the treaty of July, 1866" and that the applicant has continuously resided in the Cherokee Nation since such admission.

His name does not appear to be on the 1880 roll, but the office considers that probably the action of the Supreme Court of the nation in 1871 is binding upon the nation and that the applicant may be entitled to enrollment, if it is conclusively shown that he has not since expatriated his citizenship.

It is therefore respectfully recommended that the decision of the Commission be not approved and that the record in the case be returned to the Commission with direction to consider this phase of the case.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Tonner,

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

I.T.D. 3640-1904.

May 9, 1904.

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

March 24, 1904, you transmitted the record in the matter of the application of Harry Still for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee freedman, including your decision of March 5, 1904, rejecting said application.

On April 21, 1904, you transmitted a motion for a re-hearing of your decision, filed by the attorney for the applicant in said case.

You rejected the applicant for the reason that it does not appear that said Harry Still returned to and established a residence in the Cherokee Nation until after February 11, 1867. The record shows that on June 7, 1871, the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation rendered a decision admitting Harry Still to all the rights of Cherokee citizenship under the treaty of 1866.

Reporting May 2, 1904, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs states that he considers that the action of the Supreme Court for the Nation in 1871 is probably binding upon the Nation,

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and that the applicant may be entitled to enrollment if it is conclusively shown that he has not since expatriated his citizenship, and he recommends that your decision be not approved, and that the record be returned to you with directions to consider this phase of the case. A copy of his letter is inclosed.

The record is returned herewith, for appropriate action in accordance with the Acting Commissioner's recommendation.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Thos. Ryan ,

2 inclosures.

Acting Secretary.



Charles H. Brown  
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Quahogee, Indian Territory, May 15, 1904.

Harry Still,

Mayden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of your application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, you are advised that the Commission is in receipt of Departmental letter of May 9, 1904, remanding the Commission's decision of March 5, 1904, in which your application was rejected. The Department's letter states that this case is remanded for appropriate action upon the opinion of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs that the action of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation in 1871 is probably binding upon the Nation.

You will be duly advised of any further action taken by this Commission in this case. A copy of the Department's letter has this day been furnished your agent, Louis T. Brown, Vinita, Indian Territory.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Cherokee Freedman  
BvC

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 18, 1904.

Louis T. Brown,  
Agent for Harry Still,  
Vinita, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, you are advised that the Commission is in receipt of Departmental letter of May 9, 1904, remanding the Commission's decision of March 8, 1904, in which said application was rejected. The Department's letter states that this case is remanded for appropriate action upon the opinion of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs that the action of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation in 1871 is probably binding upon the Nation.

You will be duly advised of any further action taken by this Commission in this case.

For your information there is herewith inclosed a copy of the Department's letter above referred to.

Respectfully,

Encl. V-71

Chairman.

Cherokee Freedman  
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Waskagee, Indian Territory, May 18, 1904.

W. W. Hastings,  
Attorney for the Cherokee Nation,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, you are advised that the Commission is in receipt of Departmental letter of May 9, 1904, remanding the Commission's decision of March 8, 1904, in which said application was rejected. The Department's letter states that this case is remanded for appropriate action upon the opinion of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs that the action of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation in 1871 is probably binding upon the Nation.

You will be duly advised of any further action taken by this Commission in this case.

For your information there is herewith inclosed a copy of the Department's letter above referred to.

Respectfully,

Encl. V-70

Chairman.

Commission's letter to Department

In re Harry Still

Cherokee Freedmen 876.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

MEMPHIS,

June 16, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letter of May 9, 1904 (I.T.D. 3640-04), remanding the Commission's decision of March 8, 1904, in re application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, for consideration as to whether a decree of the Cherokee Supreme Court admitting said Harry Still to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation is binding on the Cherokee Nation, the Commission desires to report.

It is the opinion of ~~the~~ Commission that the question presented in this case is not, whether a decree of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation is binding upon the Cherokee Nation, but rather, under the authority by which the Commission acts, has a decree of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation, granting or denying citizenship to a freedman, such binding effect upon ~~this~~ Commission that ~~they are~~ precluded thereby from investigating further the truth or falsity of the matters recited therein?

In order to properly dispose of the question as we understand it, we deem it expedient to call attention to the following pro-

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visions of law, binding alike upon this Commission, the Cherokee Nation and the Cherokee Freedmen.

Article nine of the Cherokee treaty of 1866, provides:

" . . . . . They further agree that all freedmen who have been liberated by voluntary act of their former owners or by law, as well as all free colored persons who were in the country at the commencement of the rebellion, and are now residents therein, or who may return within six months, and their descendants, shall have all the rights of Native Cherokees."

A decree rendered by the Court of Claims, February 3, 1896, in the case of Moses Whitmire, Trustee for the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation, vs. The Cherokee Nation, et al., in part provides:

"This cause coming on to be heard upon the amended petition, answer, agreed facts and arguments submitted by the parties respectively, and the court having heard the same, and considered the just rights in law and equity of the freedmen of the Cherokee Nation, including all persons who had been liberated by voluntary act of their owners or by law, and all free colored persons who resided in the Cherokee country at the commencement of the rebellion, and resided therein July 19, 1866, or returned thereto within six months thereafter, and their descendants . . . . .

"And it appearing to the court that under the provisions of Article nine of the treaty of July 19, 1866, made by and between the Cherokee Nation and the United States, the said freedmen, who had been liberated by voluntary act of their former owners or by law, and all free colored persons who resided in the Cherokee country at the commencement of the rebellion and were residents therein at the date of said treaty, or who had returned thereto within six months of said last mentioned date, and their descendants, were admitted into and became a part of the Cherokee Nation, and entitled to equal rights and immunities, and to participate in the Cherokee national funds and common property in the same manner and to the same extent as Cherokee citizens of Cherokee blood."



These extracts from the decree identify Harry Still as a party to the suit before the Court of Claims, and define, beyond a doubt, what was required of a freedman to entitle him to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. And again:

"It is further ordered and adjudged that, for the purpose of ascertaining and determining who are the individual freedmen of the Cherokee Nation . . . the Secretary of the Interior be authorized to appoint three commissioners . . . to proceed to the Cherokee country and hear testimony both for and against the identity of all freedmen, free colored persons, and their descendants, . . . ; and that the said commissioners, in ascertaining the identity of the freedmen entitled to share under this decree, shall accept what is known as the authenticated Cherokee roll, the same now being on file in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, having been furnished to him and purporting to have been taken by the Cherokee Nation in 1880, for the purpose of showing the number of freedmen then entitled to citizenship in the said Nation under the terms of the treaty between the United States and the Cherokee Nation hereinbefore referred to, and their descendants; and the said commissioners shall ascertain who of said persons named on said roll were alive, and what descendants of said persons were alive, on May 3, 1894, and no evidence shall be accepted by said Commission tending to disprove the citizenship of any of the persons whose names appear on said roll."

The last provision above quoted, we believe, vacated any decrees or judgments of the courts or commissions of the Cherokee Nation whereby any freedman who had not complied with the provisions of Article nine of the treaty of July 19, 1866, had been admitted to citizenship, or who had complied with Article nine of said treaty and been denied citizenship; and removed from all the rolls of the Cherokee Nation, other than the roll of 1880, the names of those who had failed to bring themselves within said treaty provisions.

Paragraph two, section twenty-one of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1880, ( 20 Stat., 405 ), provides:

"It ( the Commission, ) shall make a roll of Cherokee freedmen, in strict compliance with the decree of the Court of Claims rendered the third day of February, eighteen hundred and ninety-six."

The Assistant Attorney General, in Departmental letter of March 25, 1904 (I.T.D. 2328-04), referring to the paragraph last above quoted, says:

"This was a confirmation of the roll of 1880 as to the names of freedmen found thereon, to the same extent as if it had been in so many words directly confirmed. Congress thereby also approved and adopted as correct the plan prescribed by the Court of Claims for ascertainment of the names of all freedmen and free colored persons entitled, under the provisions of the treaty of 1866, to be recognized as Cherokee citizens. This is the decree in strict compliance with which the commission are directed to make the roll, and such persons, whether upon any former roll or not, are to be enrolled. This left the Commission free, as upon a new inquiry, to determine what freedmen, omitted from the roll of 1880 are entitled to benefit of Article nine of the treaty of 1866. . . . .

And again: "While the decree authorized investigation of the claims of others than freedmen named in the roll of 1880, yet it is apparent that that roll was considered by all parties to be approximately correct. Anyone claiming the right to be added thereto should be required to assume the burden of proof, and establish that right by satisfactory evidence! "

In view of the provisions above set out, we believe it is clearly defined that Congress intended that the Commission should not be barred except by the Cherokee Authenticated Tribal roll of 1880, from investigating the right of any claimant to be enrolled

as a Cherokee Freedman, and no more. In my opinion, would  
a decree of the Cherokee Supreme Court admitting a Freedman to  
citizenship, by such Civil Commission, that a decree of the same  
court admitting citizenship to a Freedman. In either event such  
decree would have its weight simply as evidence for or against the  
applicant, and should be so considered by the Commission.

The Commission, therefore, is of the opinion that a decree  
of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation granting or denying  
citizenship to a Freedman is not conclusive as to fact, and that  
the decision rendered by this Commission in the case of Harry Still,  
Cherokee Freedman #570, should not be disturbed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

*Tame Dixby.*

Chairman.

*T. B. Needles.*

Commissioner

*C. E. Breckinridge.*

Commissioner.

Cherokee Freedmen

1876.

Washington, Indian Territory, June 28, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letter of May 9, 1904 (I.T.D. 2440-1904), in the matter of the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, the Commission's decision in which case of March 8, 1904, has this day been resubmitted to the Department by letter, dated June 21.

There are herewith enclosed copies of the Commission's letters to the applicant, his attorney, and the attorney for the Cherokee Nation, advising them of the Commission's action in this case.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Charles Freedman

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 25, 1904.

Harry Still,

Hayden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of your application for enrollment as a Charles Freedman the Commission's decision in which case rejecting your application was remanded by the Department for further consideration on May 9, 1904.

You are hereby advised that the Commission has this day resubmitted to the Department, its decision of March 3, 1904, recommending that said decision be affirmed.

A copy of the Commission's letter is herewith enclosed to you.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner in Charge

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON,

September, 21, 1904

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior

Sir:

Referring to Department letter of May 9, 1904, (I.T.D. 3640), I have the honor to enclose a communication from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated June 23, 1904, re-submitting the record relative to the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. The Commission quotes from Article 9 of the treaty of 1866; the decree of the Court of Claims of February 3, 1896, in the Moses Whitmire case; from Section 21 of the Act of June 28, 1898; from the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General, of March 25, 1904, and reach the conclusion that a decree of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation granting or denying citizenship to a freedman is not conclusive as to the right of such freedman to enrollment and that the decision of the Commission in the Harry Still case adverse to his enrollment should not be disturbed. The applicant claims that he returned to the Cherokee Nation in 1865; that he stayed but a few days and then returned to Fort Scott, Kansas and again returned to the Cherokee Nation, with his mother, in



in the fall of 1866. However, when the record in this case is considered in connection with the holding of the Department in the case of his mother, Maria Hayden, it is not at all probable that the applicant returned before February 11, 1867. But this office does not understand that this case is to be decided on the return of the applicant. His rights, if any he has, do not accrue by reason of his return, but by virtue of the action of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation in admitting him to citizenship. June 7, 1871, the Supreme Court rendered a decision and Harry Still was "admitted to all the rights of Cherokee citizenship entitled under the treaty of 1866." It seems to this office that this was really an admission on the part of the Cherokee Nation and on the part of the applicant that he did not return within the time required by the provisions of the treaty and that in order to protect his citizenship the action mentioned was taken by the Court. There is not a particle of evidence in the record which shows, or has the least tendency to indicate, that such action was taken by the Court on account of fraud practiced upon the Court, by Harry Still, or any other person. Several briefs and arguments have been filed in the case, but in view of the position of this office, I do not consider it necessary to enter into any discussion of them.

The Assistant Attorney General for the Interior Department, in opinion of Feb'y. 18, 1904, denied the request of counsel for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations for the suspension of Departmental action for enrollment of, or allotment to, persons basing their rights upon admission to citizenship by the general council of the Choctaw Nation, or upon decisions of the United States Indian Agent, on appeal from the council, and I know of no reason why the doctrine laid down by the Department in said opinion is not applicable in this case. I do not consider that it is the province of the Department or this office to inquire into the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation, in the case under consideration. The Court assumed jurisdiction, passed upon the rights of the applicant and admitted him to all of the rights of citizenship "entitled under the treaty of 1866." Furthermore, July 16, 1894, the then Assistant Attorney General, in the John O. Cobb, et al. case, held, among other things:

"No one of the appellants in the cases now before me claims to come within either of the exceptions set forth in the first paragraph of article two, but all claim to be "citizens of the Cherokee Nation." "The constituted authorities" of the Cherokee Nation do not recognize their claim, and I advise that the Department has no jurisdiction to inquire into the correctness or propriety of the determination made in these cases by the authorities of the Cherokee Nation."

This doctrine has not been changed by subsequent legislation, unless it be affirmatively shown that an applicant was admitted by fraud, or that his name appears upon the tribal rolls without authority of law. The name of this applicant does not appear on the 1880 roll; neither is it found on the Kerns-Clifton roll; it does appear, however, on the Wallace roll, opposite number 286. The tribal authorities in 1893, 1894 and 1895 recognized the applicant as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and authorized him to employ non-citizens/.

This Office is clearly of the opinion that the applicant is entitled to enrollment, by virtue of his admission by the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation in 1871, and I respectfully recommend that the decision of the Commission be reversed and that they be directed to enroll the applicant as a Cherokee Freedman, by reason of such admission.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Tenner

Acting Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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WASHINGTON.

November 16, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:

September 21, 1904, the Acting Commission of Indian Affairs transmitted your report of June 23, 1904, returning the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, and recommended that your decision rejecting the applicant be reversed, and that you be directed to enroll the applicant as a Cherokee freedman. You will notify the applicant and the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation of the Acting Commissioner's recommendation, and allow said attorneys 30 days within which to submit any argument in the matter that they may desire, and the applicant 10 days within which to answer same.

A copy of the Acting Commissioner's letter is inclosed

Respectfully,

(Signed)

Thos. Ryan

Acting Secretary

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Cherokee Freedman  
#876.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 20, 1904.

Harry Still,

Hayden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of yourself as a Cherokee freedman, you are advised that the Commission is in receipt of Departmental letter of November 16, 1904, directing that the applicant and the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation be given an opportunity to file arguments in this case.

The attorneys for the Cherokee Nation have accordingly this day been advised that they will be given thirty days from date hereof, within which to file with the Commission, for transmission to the Secretary of the Interior, such argument as they may desire to submit, a copy of which argument they will be required to furnish you. You are advised that you will be allowed ten days additional within which to file with the Commission, for transmission to the Secretary, a reply to said argument.

For your information there is herewith enclosed a

copy of the Department's letter above mentioned.

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED)

*T. B. Needles*

Commissioner in Charge.



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Cherokee Freedman  
#576.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 28, 1904.

William J. Sullivan,  
Attorney for Harry Still,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Harry Still as a Cherokee freedman, you are advised that the Commission is in receipt of Departmental letter of November 16, 1904, directing that the applicant and the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation be given an opportunity to file arguments in this case.

The attorneys for the Cherokee Nation have accordingly this day been advised that they will be given thirty days from date hereof, within which to file with the Commission, for transmission to the Secretary of the Interior, such argument as they may desire to submit, a copy of which argument they will be required to furnish both yourself and the applicant. You are advised that the applicant will be allowed ten days additional within which to file with the Commission, for transmission to the Secretary, a reply to said argument.

For your information there is herewith enclosed a  
copy of the Department's letter above mentioned.

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED)

*T. B. Needles.*

Commissioner in Charge

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Cherokee Freedman  
#576.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 28, 1904

Bell, Hastings & Davenport,  
Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,  
Vinita, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Harry Still as a Cherokee freedman, you are advised that the Commission is in receipt of Departmental letter of November 16, 1904, in which it is stated that the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs in his letter of September 21, 1904, recommends that the Commission's decision rejecting said application be not approved, and that the applicant be enrolled as a Cherokee freedman.

In accordance with instructions contained in Department's letter, you are advised that you will be allowed thirty days from date hereof, within which to file with the Commission, for transmission to the Secretary of the Interior, such argument as you may desire to submit in this case, a copy of which you will be required to furnish both the applicant and his attorney, William J. Sullivan, of Muskogee, Indian Territory.

For your information a copy of the Department's  
letter is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

Enc. D-5.

SIGNED: *T. B. Needles.*  
Commissioner in Charge.

E.T.D. 7558-1904

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J.R.W.  
W.C.V.  
S.V.P.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL,

Washington, October 5, 1905.

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I received by reference of September 15, 1905, the record in case of Harry Still, applicant for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman. The letter of reference states that:

It appears that the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation on June 7, 1871, admitted the applicant to all the rights of Cherokee citizenship entitled under the treaty of July, 1866.

Your opinion is requested as to whether the applicant is entitled to be enrolled as a Cherokee freedman by reason of the admission of said court.

The final judgment of an Indian court in a matter of which it had jurisdiction is as conclusive upon the facts in issue and decided as is that of the Territories, States, or of the United States. Mehlin v. Cox (55 Feb., 12, 18); Exendine v. Pore (1b. 777); Mackey v. Cox (16 How., 100, 103).

It is, however, not to be overlooked that Congress has plenary power over the Indian tribes, and their regulation of their own membership and internal affairs. Judgments determining citizenship in an Indian Nation are not adjudications of



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property rights, but of political status. Being of this character they are within control of the legislative department of government. In a case depending on a similar question as to the power of Congress, in Stephens v. Cherokee Nation ( 174 U.S., 445, 488), the court held:

But in any aspect, we are of opinion that the constitutionality of these acts in respect of the determination of citizenship can not be successfully assailed on the ground of the impairment or destruction of vested rights. The lands and moneys of these tribes are public lands and moneys, and are not held in individual ownership, and the assertion by any particular applicant that his right therein is so vested as to preclude inquiry into his status involves a contradiction in terms.

The adjudication of the supreme court of the Cherokee Nation, upon the authorities above cited, has therefore the same effect as the adjudication of similar cases by the United States courts under the act of June 10, 1896 ( 29 Stat., 321, 339), and is entitled to all the respect of a judicial determination of the facts necessarily determined. When reopened to inquiry upon the facts, such adjudication is to be considered by the Commission as evidence of great cogency, to be followed unless it appear that fraud was practiced upon the court, or that the evidence then before the court, and that now available before the Commission show that the conclusion of the court upon the case, for fraud or lack of evidence then available, was clearly wrong. The Commission should regard itself rather as a court reviewing the



case as upon a petition for a new trial than as exercising an original jurisdiction, and ought not to over turn the finding made after the impairment and loss of available evidence by the lapse of more than thirty years.

In addition to the direct evidence in the present record of the time of Harry Still's personal return to the nation, it is noticeable that some who seem to have been of the same party are borne on the confirmed roll of 1880; that the applicant in 1865 could have been but about fourteen years old, as his age is stated as about fifty in 1901; that he was then a minor pupilage, whose place of legal residence was that of his parent or person with whom he lived, and that the return to the nation contemplated by the treaty was legal domicile, rather than physical presence, as is held in the case of George Ross, Burrell Daniels, Charles Foreman, Josie Albery, and others. If in 1865 the head of the family, and perhaps himself, were in the nation and fixed a place of abode for the family, but by reason of lack of subsistence, scarcity of means there to live, they were unable continuously to remain, and left temporarily, returning seasonably and prosecuting that initiated settlement in good faith and with reasonable diligence, then they must be regarded as returning in good faith and permanently locating in the nation from the time of their original settlement.

such circumstances and facts the citizenship court had full power to consider, and the Commission under the enrollment acts should also consider. The determination of those questions by the court favorably to the applicant when comparatively near the events respecting which it inquired, should not be overturned or disregarded at this later time, unless shown to be vitiated by fraud or clear evidence that it was erroneous.

Very respectfully,

Frank L. Campbell  
Assistant Attorney-General.

Approved: October 5, 1905

E. A. Hitchcock,  
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON,

October 18, 1905.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

On March 24, 1905 (1904), the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes transmitted the record in the matter of the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

On May 9, 1905 (1904), the Department remanded the case for reconsideration.

On June 24, 1904, the Commission returned the record in said case and recommended that its decision, holding that the applicant should not be enrolled, be approved.

On October 8, 1905, the Assistant Attorney-General for this Department rendered an opinion in the matter, which was approved the same day. A copy thereof is inclosed.

The record is returned herewith and it is desired that you readjudicate the case in accordance with said opinion.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

E. A. Hitchcock  
Secretary

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Cherokee Freedman  
No. 876

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 4, 1905

Bell, Hastings & Davenport,

Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that this office is in receipt of Departmental letter of October 18, in which the Cherokee freedmen enrollment case of Harry Still is remanded to this office for readjudication in accordance with an opinion of the Assistant Attorney General for the Interior Department of October 8, 1905, a copy of which is inclosed herewith. There is also inclosed a copy of Departmental letter of October 18, 1905.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner

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Cherokee Freedmen  
No. 876

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 6, 1905

Harry Still,

Hayden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith, for your information, a copy of Departmental letter of October 18, 1905, in which your Cherokee freedmen enrollment case is remanded to this office for readjudication in accordance with an opinion of the Assistant Attorney General for the Interior Department of October 5, 1905, a copy of which is also inclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner

( C O P Y )

Cherokee freedmen  
No. 876

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 7, 1905

Louis T. Brown,

Attorney for Harry Still,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that this office is in receipt of Departmental letter of October 18, in which the Cherokee freedmen enrollment case of Harry Still is remanded to this office for readjudication in accordance with an opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General for the Interior Department of October 5, 1905, a copy of which is inclosed herewith. There is also inclosed a copy of Departmental letter of October 18, 1905.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner



Cherokee Freedman

Muskegee, Indian Territory, November 29, 1905.

W. J. Sullivan,

Attorney for Harry Still,

Muskegee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith for your information a copy of Departmental letter of October 18, 1905, inclosing a copy of the opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General of October 5, 1905, in the matter of the application for enrollment of Harry Still as a Cherokee Freedman.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner

LMB

Inclosures delivered in person.

Waskagee, Indian Territory, December 2, 1905

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letter of October 18, 1905 (I.T.D. 7688-04, 13206-05) wherein the Department returned the record in the case of Harry Still, Cherokee Freedman 876, for readjudication in accordance with an opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General of October 5, 1905.

An examination of the record in this case shows that only the uncorroborated testimony of the applicant has heretofore been taken in support of his application for enrollment. That on September 22, 1904, said applicant filed with the Department a motion for a rehearing, the same being supported by the affidavits of Daniel Sanders, Aaron Whitmire, Eliza Whitmire, Nese Whitmire, Betsey Whitmire, Lewis Whitmire, H. C. Hayden, Andy Rider, Sarah A. Buckner and Reuben Sanders, all of whom under oath depose to facts material in adjudicating the applicant's right to Cherokee freedman citizenship.

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In view of the foregoing it is respectfully requested that the Department grant a rehearing in this matter in order that the applicant and the Cherokee Nation may be permitted to introduce such further testimony as they may desire in support of their respective contentions. Compliance with this request, it is believed, will avoid the possibility of either party hereafter reopening this case upon motion supported by the affidavits of those who, if a rehearing is granted, they may introduce as witnesses. Furthermore, it is considered that only through a rehearing can this office secure the evidence necessary to readjudicate this case in accordance with the Assistant Attorney-General's opinion referred to supra.

Respectfully,

Through the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

LMB

Commissioner

Cherokee Freedmen

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COPY:

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 6, 1905.

W. J. Sullivan,

Attorney for Harry Still,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of a certificate of the Acting Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 2, 1905, as to certain words and figures found on the 1893 Cherokee census roll. The same has been made a part of the record in the Cherokee freedman case of Harry Still.

Respectfully,

SIGNED.

*Wm O. Beale*  
Acting Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 6, 1905.

Bell, Hastings & Davenport,  
Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of a certificate of the Acting Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 2, 1905, as to certain words and figures found on the 1893 Cherokee census roll. The same has been made a part of the record in the Cherokee freedmen case of Harry Still.

There is also inclosed a copy of a certificate signed by the Acting Commissioner, dated December 2, 1905, as to certain words and figures found on said 1893 roll, which has been made a part of the record in the Cherokee freedmen case of Andy Rider.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

*Wm O B. Beale*  
Acting Commissioner.

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Refer in reply  
to the following:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.  
WASHINGTON.

January 18, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Department letter of October 18, 1905, I.T.D.13208, returning to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes the record in the matter of the application of Harry Still, for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, with instructions to readjudicate the case, in accordance with an opinion of the Assistant Attorney General, of October 5, 1905, there is enclosed a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 14, 1905, saying that an examination of the records shows that only the uncorroborated testimony of the applicant has been taken in support of his application, and that on September 22, 1904, the applicant filed with the Department a motion for re-hearing, supporting it by the affidavits of Daniel Sanders, Aaron Whitmire, Eliza Whitmire, Mose Whitmire, Betsy Whitmire, Lewis Whitmire, H. C. Hayden, Andy Rider, Sarah A. Buckner, and Reuben Sanders, all of whom state under oath facts material to adjudicating the applicant's right to Cherokee freedman citizenship.



Mr. Dixby requests that the Department grant a re-hearing in the case, in order that the applicant in the Cherokee Nation may be permitted to introduce such further testimony as they may desire in support of their respective contentions, and says that it is believed a compliance with his request will avoid the possibility of either party hereto re-opening this case upon motions supported by affidavits of those who, if a re-hearing is granted, may be introduced as witnesses.

It is recommended that the request of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes be granted.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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WASHINGTON,

D.C. 5551-1906.  
I.T.D. 1104-1906.

January 24, 1906.

LRS

Commissioner to the Five Civilised Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

October 18, 1905, the Department directed you to readjust the Cherokee Freedman case of Harry Still, in accordance with the approved opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General of October 5, 1905.

December 14, 1905, for reasons given, you recommended that a rehearing be granted in this case, in which recommendation the Indian Office in letter of January 18, 1906, concurs.

The Department also concurs and a rehearing is hereby ordered.

Copy of said Indian Office letter is inclosed.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Thos Ryan

First Assistant Secretary.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

1 inclosure.

Copy.

Muskogee, I. T., February 9th 1906.

Commissioner To The Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muscogee, Indian Territory

Dear Sir; You are hereby advisee that I have this day employed Louis T. Brown of Muscogee Indian Territory to represent me in the matter of my application to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman, hereby revoking any of my actions relative to the employment of counsel here to fore. No one except Mr. Brown has any authority to represent me in any capacity whatever. All matters from your office relative to my affairs in the Cherokee Nation should be sent to me in his care (box 957 Muskogee I.T.).

Very Respectfully,

(Signed) Harry Still

Witness,

(Signed) A. E. Patterson

" J. H. Tilley.

Cherokee Freedmen

No. 876.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 21, 1906.

Harry Still,

Box 957,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of your letter of February 9, stating that you have employed Louis T. Brown to represent you in the matter of your application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, and revoking any authority heretofore given any other attorney to represent you. You ask that all communications be addressed to you in care of your attorney.

Your letter has been noted and filed.

Respectfully,

LS

Acting Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 6, 1906.

A. B. Cunningham,

Executive Secretary Cherokee Nation,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

On June 7, 1871, the Supreme (Daniels') Court of the Cherokee Nation admitted Harry Still to Cherokee freedman citizenship under the provisions of Article 9 of the Treaty of 1846.

It is respectfully requested that you examine the records of your Office for the evidence introduced before the court in this case, and if found, forward the same to the General Offices of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Respectfully,

LMB

Acting Commissioner

Cherokee Freedmen

No. 876.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 9, 1906.

Louis T. Brown,

Attorney for Harry Still,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of supplemental proceedings had April 4, 1906, at Vinita, Indian Territory, in the Cherokee freedmen enrollment case of Harry Still.

Respectfully,

Incl. S-15

Acting Commissioner.





Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 16, 1906

Harry Still,

Hayden, Indian Territory.

Dear sir:

The Docket of the Daniels Court, now in the custody of this office shows that on June 7, 1871, you were admitted to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, under the provisions of section IX Treaty of 1866, and that one George Still appeared as a witness in your behalf.

It is respectfully requested that you furnish this office, at your earliest convenience, with such information as you now possess relative to the said George Still.

Inclosed find penalty envelope for reply, which requires no postage.

Respectfully,

Inc. 1 R.P.E.

LMB

(Signed) Wm G. Beale  
Acting Commissioner

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 16, 1906

George still,

Siloam springs, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office show that on June 7, 1871, one George Still appeared before the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation and testified in behalf of Harry Still, an applicant for Cherokee citizenship under the provisions of Article IX of the Treaty of 1866.

It is respectfully requested that you inform this office whether or not you were the witness George Still above indicated.

Inclosed find penalty envelope for reply, which requires no postage.

Respectfully,

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LMB

(Signed) Wm. G. Ball  
Acting Commissioner

3078

Tahlequah, Indian Territory, April 22, 1906.

Commissioner to the Five Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to the evidence in the case of Harry Still, admitted by the "Danicle" court; You are advised that there is no evidence on file in this office in any of the cases heard by this Court.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. B. Cunningham,  
Secretary.

Cherokee Freedman  
876

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 9, 1906.

Bell, Hastings and Davenport,  
Attorneys for Cherokee Nation,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith find copy of an Act of the Cherokee Council approved December 3, 1869, decree of the Cherokee Supreme Court rendered June 7, 1871, in favor of Harry Still, and of the enrollment of Harry Still on the Cherokee census roll of 1893, all of which have been ordered by the Commissioner to be filed with and made a part of the record in Cherokee Freedman case 876.

Respectfully,

IMB

Acting Commissioner

4 Encl. B-48.

Cherokee Freedmen  
876

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 9, 1906

Louis T. Brown, Attorney ,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find copy of an Act of the Cherokee Council approved December 3, 1869, decree of the Cherokee Supreme Court rendered June 7, 1871, in favor of Harry Still , and of the enrollment of Harry Still on the Cherokee census roll of 1893, all of which have been ordered by the Commissioner to be filed with and made a part of the record in Cherokee Freedman case No. 876.

Respectfully,

IMB

Acting Commissioner

4 Encl. B-47

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 9, 1906

W. J. Sullivan, Attorney,

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

Dear sir:

Enclosed herewith find copy of an Act of the Cherokee Council approved December 3, 1869, decree of the Cherokee Supreme Court rendered June 7, 1871, in favor of Harry Still, and of the enrollment of Harry Still on the Cherokee census roll of 1893, all of which have been ordered by the Commissioner to be filed with and made a part of the record in Cherokee Freedman case No. 876.

Respectfully,

IMB

Acting Commissioner

4 Encl.-B. 46



Cherokee F.  
876.

CCPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1906.

Harry Still,

Hayden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 20, 1906, holding that the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 5, 1904, be set aside and held for naught, and that your application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman be granted. Your attorneys, Louis T. Brown and W. J. Sullivan, Muskogee, Indian Territory, have heretofore been furnished copies of the record of proceedings had in the case, and there have been forwarded to them copies of the Commissioner's decision.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in the case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED)

Tame Dixby.  
Commissioner.

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Register.

Cherokee N.  
875.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1906.

W. J. Sullivan,

Attorney for Harry Still,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 20, 1906, holding that the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 4, 1905, be set aside and held for naught, and that the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman be granted. You have heretofore been furnished a copy of the record of proceedings had in the case.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in the case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED):

*Tamé Bixby.*  
Commissioner.

Incl. C-39  
LMO

Cherokee F.  
576.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1906.

Louis T. Brown,

Attorney for Harry Still,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 20, 1906, holding that the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 4, 1905, be set aside and held for naught, and that the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman be granted. You have heretofore been furnished a copy of the record of proceedings had in the case.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in the case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED):

*Tame Bixby.*  
Commissioner.

Incl.C-36  
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Cherokee F.  
276.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1906.

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for the Cherokee Nation,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 20, 1906, holding that the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 5, 1904, be set aside and held for naught, and that the application for the enrollment of Harry Still, as a Cherokee freedman be granted.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in the case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED).

*Tame Bixby.*  
Commissioner.

Incl.C-37  
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COPY.

Waskogen, Indian Territory, August 20, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the record of proceedings had in the matter of the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 20, 1906, holding that the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered March 5, 1904, be set aside and held for naught, and that the application of Harry Still for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman be granted.

On October 18, 1905 (I.T.D. 7858-1904, 13208-1905), this case was remanded for readjudication, and on January 24, 1906, (I.T.D. 1104-1906) a rehearing was ordered therein.

Respectfully,

WITNESSED:

*Tams Bixby.*  
Commissioner.

Incl. C-38  
LMC

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Cherokee Freedman  
876.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 24, 1906.

Starr and Patten,

Attorneys for Harry Still,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of August 18, you are advised that you have been entered as attorney of record for Harry Still, an applicant for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, and that the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 20, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of said Harry Still as a Cherokee freedman was, together with the record of proceedings had in the case, forwarded to the Department on that date.

Respectfully,

M.A.

Acting Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

November 26, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed record of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Harry Still, as a Cherokee freedman, wherein a decision in his favor was rendered by the Commissioner on August 20, 1904.

The Commissioner finds that the applicant bases his right to Cherokee citizenship on a decree of the Cherokee Supreme (Daniel's) Court, rendered June 7, 1871, wherein it was alleged that he had complied with certain provisions of article 9 of the Cherokee treaty of 1866, that jurisdiction of certain questions relative to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation was conferred on the Supreme Court of the Nation by the Act of December 3, 1869, which is entitled

An act for taking the census of the Cherokee Nation in 1870, and conferring power upon the Supreme Court to try and determine cases of doubtful citizenship at an extra term.

This Act made provision for the appointment of two persons in each district, who were "to take the census of their

respective districts between the first day of March and the first day of September, 1870, and make full and certified returns thereof to the Principal Chief on or before the first day of October of said year."

that the census and return so made were to be laid before the

National Council at the beginning of its annual session in 1870 and were to "serve as the basis for apportioning the representation of the several districts of the Cherokee Nation in the National Council;" that section 2 of the Act provides in part:

That it shall be the duty of said census takers to take a full and complete return of all persons found residing or sojourning within the limits of their respective districts at the time of making the enumeration. And said returns shall show the names of all colored persons entitled by law to citizenship within certain ages, and the names of all such persons not entitled;

that Section 3 provides:

That all persons whose rights to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah on the first Monday in December 1870, then and there to establish their right to citizenship in the nation. And the said Supreme Court is hereby especially empowered to act as a Court of Commission on behalf of the Nation for the hearing and determination of all cases of doubtful citizenship which shall be reported to them by the census takers or by the solicitors of the several districts.

The Commissioner further finds that the census takers submitted to the Cherokee Supreme Court a list containing the names of 369 persons whose citizenship and that of their families for various reasons was considered doubtful, that of this number 173 were colored persons, that on the receipt of this list the Supreme Court entered in a docket the names enumerated thereon; that this docket was known and described as "Docket of doubtful cases for Cherokee Citizenship tried in 1871;" that on the first 15 pages were entered the names of all those whose citizenship was reported as doubtful other than colored persons, and from pages 26 to 57 inclusive were entered the names of such colored persons - in each instance the name being entered under the district in which the person was found; that opposite each name was written the reason

why the person's citizenship was considered doubtful, e.g., as to certain persons other than colored "Taken reservation of 320 acres on neutral lands," and as to colored persons, "State raised," "Sold out of the Nation," and as in the case under consideration, "Too late;" that these reasons evidently were included as a part of the census takers' return made to the Supreme Court and indicate that as to some persons, it was the opinion of the census takers, based probably on common report that they had forfeited their Cherokee citizenship; that others, not having been the slaves of Cherokee citizens or free colored persons residing in the Cherokee country at the commencement of the Rebellion, or having failed to return to the Cherokee Nation after the Rebellion within a certain time, were not entitled to Cherokee freedman citizenship under the provisions of article 9 of the treaty of 1866; that as to all such and like questions relative to the citizenship of any person whose name appeared on the list submitted by the census takers or solicitors of the several districts, the Supreme Court was authorized to investigate and decide, and for this purpose was empowered to summon before it and to put to their proof all these persons whose rights to Cherokee citizenship were reported as "doubtful."

He also finds that an examination of the act of December 3, 1869, will show that the Supreme Court, since commonly known as the "Daniels Court," was delegated a very limited authority, that is, the power to pass on questions of fact incidental to the rights of certain persons to Cherokee

citizenship; that it had authority neither to grant to nor withdraw from any person the rights of Cherokee citizenship, and the attempted exercise of such authority would have resulted in a decree absolutely null and void for the very cogent reason that such an adjudication would have been on a matter not within its jurisdiction; that the Court understood its jurisdiction was so limited he finds to be evident from the docket entries referred to, namely, "State raised," "Sold out of the Nation," and "Too late," and also from the form of its judgments entered in each case, namely, "Decided in favor of claimant," or "Claimants," or "Decided against claimant" or "claimants;" that for this reason he is of opinion that the contention of the applicant that the judgment of the Cherokee Supreme Court admitted him "to all the rights, privileges and immunities of a Cherokee citizen," is not tenable; that if Still is entitled to Cherokee citizenship he acquired such right by virtue of his compliance with the provisions of article 9 of the treaty of 1866 and not by the judgment of the Cherokee Supreme Court.

He further gives it as his opinion that it is conclusively shown by the record in this case that the only question passed on by the Cherokee Supreme Court in its decree of June 7, 1871, was the question of fact: Did the applicant return to the Cherokee Nation after the Rebellion within the time specified in article 9 of the treaty of 1866? that consequently if, as the applicant contends and the Cherokee Nation admits, all parties thereto are bound by the above men-

tained decree, and the applicant must be enrolled as a Cherokee freedman, he, as Commissioner, would be precluded from investigating or considering certain questions of fact relative to Still's right to Cherokee freedman citizenship not heretofore judicially investigated or in any wise passed on, viz:- whether he was the slave of a Cherokee citizen or a free colored person residing in the Cherokee country at the commencement of the Rebellion, and which in turn would in effect abridge the powers vested in his office by paragraph 2, section 21, of the act of Congress approved June 28, 1896 (30 Stat. L., 495). He cites the letter of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of June 23, 1904, wherein for reasons therein set forth the Commission expressed the opinion that it had jurisdiction of all questions of fact relative to the right of any applicant to Cherokee freedman enrollment, whether formerly adjudicated by the Cherokee authorities or not, and in view of the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General rendered in this case on October 8, 1906, he holds that he has jurisdiction in all questions material to the right of the applicant to such citizenship.

He says that he has discussed this matter in detail in order to show the reason for his opinion that the Daniels Court possessed a very limited jurisdiction in Cherokee citizenship matters, and that its decrees relative thereto were only on questions of fact and not conclusive on his office.

He further says that it is apparent from the record in the case that the applicant did not appear before the Daniels Court and testify as to his return, but rather was represented

by one George Still, who, with the solicitation or knowledge of the claimant, testified in his behalf and convinced the Court that the one doubtful point reported, on which the claimant's right to Cherokee freedman citizenship depended, should be decided in his favor; that the identity of the witness, or George Still's means of knowing the matter of which he testified before the Daniels Court on this occasion, is not made manifest by the record, but in the absence of proof to the contrary it must be presumed that he was (not) wholly competent as a witness and was(not) possessed of the requisite information; that therefore, inasmuch as the Cherokee Nation has brought no direct proof to the contrary the decree must be held to establish that the applicant complied with the provision in article 9 of the treaty of 1866, and that this conclusion is strengthened by the fact that in 1893 the Cherokee Nation placed Harry Still on its census roll as a freedman citizen.

The Commissioner adds that another point raised by the Assistant Attorney General for the Interior Department in his opinion in this and the Jessie Liberty cases is whether the applicant could establish a domicile in the Cherokee Nation on or before February 11, 1867, he being in his minority at that time.

On this subject he says that the evidence before his office shows conclusively that Mariah Hayden, nee Whitmire, mother of the applicant, lived with her husband in Kansas continuously from 1863 to 1873 or 1874, and that his father, Remben Still, lived on Grand River, Cherokee Nation, from sometime prior to 1870 until his death about 1890, and that subsequent to the close of the war, Harry Still never lived with either of



his parents, and that consequently it is considered that on his return to the Cherokee Nation after the Rebellion, Harry Still emancipated himself from parental authority and was competent to establish a legal domicile of his own.

Commissioner Birby concludes that the evidence in the case shows that the applicant was the slave of a Cherokee citizen and resided in the Cherokee Nation at the commencement of the Rebellion; that he received from the Nation during the war but later returned thereto, and up to and including September 1, 1902, has since continuously resided therein, and following the ruling of the Department in the case of Thomas J. Lanley et al., (I.T.D. 7492-1903), he finds that the burden of proof was on the Cherokee Nation to show that the judgment of the Daniels Court on the question of fact, which is the date of the applicant's return to the Cherokee Nation after the Rebellion, was erroneous, and that in this it has wholly failed.

He accordingly ordered and adjudged that the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes of March 8, 1904, denying the enrollment of Harry Still, be set aside, and that in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the act of Congress, approved June 25, 1898 (30 Stat. L., 485), Harry Still is entitled to enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, and his application as such is accordingly granted.

W. B. Hastings, attorney for the Cherokee Nation, transmitted to the Office, on September 27, 1904, "a statement on behalf of the Cherokee Nation," wherein he takes issue with the finding of the Commissioner on the question of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation under the act of December 3, 1869, in pursuance of which it tried this and

other cases to the effect that the Court was so limited in power as to prohibit its admitting any person to Cherokee citizenship. He discusses the force of the word "determine" in the act, where the court was empowered to hear and determine cases of doubtful citizenship, holding that the word "determine" vested in the court authority over all questions relating to citizenship. He objects to the enrollment of Harry Still for the reason that the testimony, in his judgment shows that Still did not return to the nation within the time proscribed by the treaty and because he was the illegitimate and minor child of Mariak Hayden, the wife of Henry Hayden, who, the testimony shows, continuously resided in the State of Kansas until 1873 or 1874, and that the legal residence of Harry Still was that of his mother until he reached his majority.

The record having been examined in the Office the conclusion has been reached that the greater weight of proof shows that Harry Still did return to the Cherokee Nation before February 11, 1867, and that he performed all the acts that a minor could possibly have performed in establishing and maintaining his right as a freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation. The Cherokee Supreme Court tried his case on the strength of the report of the census taker, and, as is held by the representative of the nation and is also the opinion of the Office, the act of December 3, 1866, did vest in the Supreme Court authority to pass on all questions involving the citizenship of persons about whose rights a question had been raised. The Supreme Court determined that Harry Still was entitled to citizenship, and subsequently the tribal authorities placed his name on the roll and gave him his share of the per capita payment being made to the freedmen of the nation.

The Supreme Court was fully qualified to make the finding it did and its finding still entitled to enrollment. The subsequent act of the Cherokee Nation in placing him on the roll was a confirmation of the fact that the nation recognized him as one of its citizens. I believe that under existing laws, he is entitled to the enrollment and allotment as a Freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation and I recommend that the opinion of the Commissioner in his behalf be approved.

Very respectfully,

W. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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G. L.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

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I. T. D. 7688-1904.  
13208-1908.  
23068-1906.

December 14, 1906.

L. R. S.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 20, 1906, you transmitted the remanded record of the application of Harry Still for his enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, returned to you October 18, 1906 (I. T. D. 7688-1904), for rehearing and readjudication, in conformity with the approved opinion therein of the Assistant Attorney-General for this Department of October 5, 1906 (I. T. D. 13208).

You adjudged by your decision of August 20, 1906, that the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of March 8, 1904, denying said application, should be set aside and held for naught, and that Harry Still should now be enrolled as a Cherokee freedman.

An act of the Cherokee National Council approved December 3, 1906, "especially empowered" the supreme court of the Cherokee Nation "to act as a court of commission on behalf of the nation for the hearing and determination of all cases of doubtful citizenship which shall be reported to them by the census takers or by the solicitors of the several districts. And the decision

of said court shall be final and conclusive in the premises, as to the rights of said persons to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation."

Said applicant's right to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation having been called in question by the census taker appointed under the act of December 3, 1869, his name was reported on the "list of doubtful persons," and opposite his name was written "too late," and the issue whether applicant did return "too late" to entitle him to Cherokee citizenship under Article IX of the treaty of 1866 was "decided in favour of defendant June 7th 1871" by decision of the supreme court of the Cherokee Nation, commonly called the Daniels court, to which tribunal cases of doubtful citizenship were referred to be tried and determined.

The act of December 3, 1869, referring said cases of doubtful citizenship to the supreme court for its determination, declared that "the decision of said court shall be deemed final and conclusive in the premises, as to the rights of said persons to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation." Subsequent to said decision, applicant's name was enrolled upon the approved census roll of 1893 of freedmen citizens in Coosawadee District.

In the absence of any direct attack upon the judgment of the supreme court of the Cherokee Nation and applicant's subsequent tribal enrollment, the Department believes as stated by attorneys for the Cherokee Nation, that "the decision of the supreme court of the Cherokee Nation is binding upon the Cherokee Nation," and that in accordance with the approved opinion

of the Assistant Attorney-General for this Department of October 8, 1906 (L. F. R. 12000), Harry Still is entitled to enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Indian Office of November 26, 1906 (Land 73054), your decision of August 20, 1906, enrolling Harry Still as a Cherokee freedman, is hereby affirmed.

A copy of the Indian Office letter is inclosed.

You will advise applicant, his attorney, and the attorney for the Cherokee Nation of this action.

The papers in the case have been sent to the Indian Office for its files.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. A. Hitchcock,  
Secretary.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

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Cherokee F.  
876.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 3, 1907.

W. J. Sullivan,

Attorney for Harry Still,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 20, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Harry Still as a Cherokee freedman, was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior December 14, 1906.

For your information a copy of Departmental decision referred to is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Encl. H. J. - 7.  
H. J. C.

Commissioner.

Cherokee P.  
876.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 3, 1907.

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for the Cherokee Nation,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 20, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Harry Still as a Cherokee freedman, was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior December 14, 1906.

For your information a copy of Departmental decision referred to is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Encl. H. J. - 6.  
H. J. C.

Commissioner.

Cherokee F.  
876.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 7, 1907.

Harry Still,

P. O. Box 977,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 20, 1906, granting your application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior December 14, 1906.

You are advised, however, that you will not be allowed to make an allotment selection until your name has been placed upon a schedule of Cherokee freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, of which action you will be duly notified.

Respectfully,

J.M.H.

Commissioner.

Cherokee F.  
874.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 7, 1907.

Louis T. Brown,  
Attorney for Harry Still,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 20, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Harry Still as a Cherokee freedman, was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior, December 14, 1906.

For your information, a copy of departmental decision referred to is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Encl. H-9  
JMH

Commissioner.

Cherokee F.  
876.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 7, 1907.

Starr & Patton,  
Attorneys for Harry Still,  
Vinita, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 30, 1906, granting the application for the enrollment of Harry Still as a Cherokee freedman, was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior December 14, 1906.

For your information a copy of Departmental decision referred to is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Encl. H.J.-8.  
H.J.C.

Commissioner.





John Langdon, et al. --3.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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under the act.  
I am writing to you and am sure that you will be interested in the  
results of the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that you  
will be able to give the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, the correct  
information, being that word, states that as stated.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of May, 1901.

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T.: MAY 21st, 1901.

In the matter of the application of John Landrum for the enrollment of himself, wife, four children and two grand-children as Cherokee Freedmen, said Landrum being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Hadden, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A John Landrum.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Landrum? A I am about 58 or 59.  
Q What is your past office? A Hayden, Lightning Creek.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir, I suppose so.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other tribe or Nation outside of the Cherokee? A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My family.  
Q How much family have you? A My wife and children.  
Q Well how many children including all that is under 21 years of age and living with you? A Four.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Mary.  
Q How old is she? A She is about 55 I guess.  
Q Now give me the names of your children? A George.  
Q How old is George? A He is about 19.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Nelson.  
Q How old is Nelson? A 17 years old.  
Q The next one? A Betsy.  
Q How old is Betsy? A She is 15.  
Q The next one? A Benjamin.  
Q How old is Benjamin? A He is about 12, going on 13.  
Q Are these children all alive and living with you? A Yes, sir; I got a grandchild.  
Q What is its name? A Lon Landrum.  
Q How old is Lon? A He is six years old.  
Q Now, you apply for the enrollment of another grand-child do you?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q What is its name? A Eva Landrum.  
Q Is that a sister to Lon? A Yes, sir. (Four years old.)  
Q Have you got Eva? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of the father of these children? A Andy.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What is its mother's name? A Ella.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Why don't she enroll her child? A She could not come, and the child is adopted to me; I adopted him and raised him.  
Q Ella Landrum is her name? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q You say your name is on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your wife's there? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 131, #1681, John Landrum, Cooweescoowee.  
Page 131, #1682, Mary Landrum, Coowee coowee.

- Q Did you draw strip money for yourself and these children and your wife? A Yes, sir.

The 1896 Census Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 409, #295, John Landrum, Cooweescoowee.  
Page 409, #296, Mary Landrum, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 409, #299, George Landrum, Cooweescoowee Dist.  
Page 409, #300, Nelson Landrum, Cooweescoowee District.

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Page 410, #301, Betsy Landrum, Coowaseeocwee District.

Page 410, #302, Ben Landrum, Coowaseeocwee District.

Page 410, #303, Lon Landrum, Coowaseeocwee District.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and names of parents of applicant's grandchildren found thereon as follows:

Page 131, #1886, Andy Landrum, Coowaseeocwee District.

- Q What was Ella Landrum's mother's name? A Margaret Gunter.  
Q Is her name on the roll of 1880, Ella's? A I could not tell you anything about it.  
Q You say Ella's mother's name is Margaret Gunter? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her father's name? A Bob Webber.  
Q Are they living? A Both living.  
Q Was Ella's name Gunter before she married? A Webber.  
Q Ella Webber is the mother of Lon and Eva? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was Andy and Ella ever married? A Yes, sir.

MARY LANDRUM, being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mary Landrum.  
Q You are the Mary Landrum that applies for enrollment now, the wife of John Landrum? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Andy Landrum your son? A Yes, sir.  
Q Ella Landrum your daughter-in-law? A Yes, sir, I didn't see them but they went and married and came back to my house and several witnesses went with them.  
Q Did they live near you when they married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did they live together continuously from that time up until Andy died? A Yes, sir as man and wife.  
Q Did they have some children born to them while they were living together as man and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q And they are the children you are applying for now?  
A Yes, sir.

JOHN LANDRUM, the Applicant, re-called, further testified:

- Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation have you?  
A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--John Landrum applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Mary, and four children, to-wit: George, Nelson, Betsy and Benjamin Landrum. He also applies for the enrollment of his two grand-children, Lon Landrum, six years of age, and Eva Landrum, four years of age. The said John Landrum and Mary Landrum are duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. The names of the four children mentioned, together with the grand child, Lon Landrum, are duly identified upon the census roll of 1896. They all make satisfactory proof as to residence. It is averred that one Andy Landrum is the father of said Lon and Eva Landrum, and Andy Landrum's name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 according to the page and number of the roll as indicated in the testimony. It is shown that the mother of said children is one Ella Webber, and satisfactory proof is made as to the marriage of Andy and Ella Landrum fixing the status of the children, Lon and Eva. They are duly identified consequently John Landrum, his wife, Mary, his four children named herein and his grand-children, Lon and Eva Landrum, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. Satisfactory proof is made as to the birth of said Eva Landrum, whose name does not appear upon any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation.

John Landrum, et al.,

J. C. Benson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. C. Benson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of May, 1901.

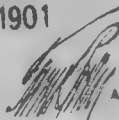
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 21 1901

Post Office

Hayden I.T.

District

Coosawscowee

1. Name

John Landrum

Age

59

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

Page

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No

1681

District

Coos

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Mary Landrum

Age

55

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

Page

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No

1682

District

Coos

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

- |     |                |              |          |         |            |      |
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| 3.  | George Landrum | 1896         | Page 409 | No. 299 | Dist. Coos | 19   |
| 4.  | Nelson         | "            | Page 409 | No. 300 | Dist. "    | 17   |
| 5.  | Betsy          | "            | Page 410 | No. 301 | Dist. "    | 15   |
| 6.  | Benjamin       | "            | Page 410 | No. 302 | Dist. "    | 12   |
| 7.  | Lucy           | "            | Page 410 | No. 303 | Dist. "    | 6    |
| 8.  | Eva            | "            | Page 410 | No. 304 | Dist. "    | 4    |
| 9.  | Parents in 70  | Andy Landrum | Year     | Page    | No. -      | Dead |
| 10. |                | Cela         | Year     | Page    | No. -      | Dead |
| 11. |                |              | Year     | Page    | No. -      |      |
| 12. |                |              | Year     | Page    | No. -      |      |

Application made by

No. 1

Stenographer

J. B. Ross

- 1 On 1896 roll, Page 409 #295 - Coos
- 2 409 #296 - "

S. aff. of birth required.



Cherokee F-377.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T., February 7, 1905.

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In the matter of the application of JOHN LANDRUM for the enrollment of himself, his wife, MARY and his children, GEORGE, NELSON and BENJAMIN LANDRUM and BETSY WATIE nee Landrum, and his grandsons, LON and EVA LANDRUM, as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

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RUFUS WATIE, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Rufus Watie.  
Q How old are you? A 26.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Hudson.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes ma'am.  
Q Are you married? A Yes ma'am.  
Q When were you married? A January 23, 1905.  
Q Whom did you marry? A Bettie Landrum.  
Q Is her name Betsy? A Yes ma'am.  
Q Are you and she living together now? A Yes ma'am.

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Mabel Maxwell Jones, being duly sworn, states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is an accurate and complete transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mabel Maxwell Jones  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 8th day of February, 1905.

Geoffrey Lawrence  
Notary Public.

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The following information was obtained from the records of the [redacted] Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, regarding the [redacted] land grant.

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1. The first part of the document is a letter from the President of the United States to the Congress, dated January 1, 1861. It is a formal address, and it is the first of its kind since the signing of the Constitution. The President, James Buchanan, is addressing the Congress, and he is doing so in a very formal and dignified manner. He is discussing the state of the Union, and he is also discussing the issue of slavery. He is saying that the Union is in a state of peril, and that he is doing everything in his power to preserve it. He is also saying that he is not going to interfere with the rights of the States, and that he is not going to interfere with the rights of the people. He is saying that he is going to do everything in his power to preserve the Union, and that he is going to do everything in his power to preserve the rights of the people.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
AUXILIARY CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 30, 1905.

In the matter of the application of Ella Whitmire, to select allotments in the Cherokee Nation for her minor children, Lon and Eva Landrum, whose names appear upon the Freedmen roll at Nos. 3328 and 3329, respectively, Field Card No. 877.

Ella Whitmire, mother and applicant, being sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- Q What is your name? A Ella Whitmire.  
Q How old are you? AA 29.  
Q What is your post office address? A Hayden, Indian Territory.  
Q Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, have been approved by the Dawes Commission but got no letter from the Secretary of the Interior.  
Q What is your object in appearing at the Auxiliary Cherokee Land Office today? A To file for my minor children.  
Q State their names and ages? A Lon is 10 and Eva is 7.  
Q Was Ella Whitmire the name under which you were enrolled?  
A Yes sir. My husband enrolled me.  
Q Was your name ever Ella Landrum? A Yes sir.  
Q Then these children are children by your first husband? A Yes sir. He is dead.  
Q Are they living with you at this time? A Yes sir but the little boy stays with his grand-pa sometimes and sometimes with me.  
Q But he really makes his home with you does he? A No he makes his home with his grand-pa but he couldn't come to file for him without getting letters of administration for him so he turned him over for me to file for him.  
Q Has there ever been anyone appointed guardian for these children?  
A No sir. No guardian at all.  
Q Have you lands selected for them? A Yes sir. I got the land selected for them. Boy has got a home that was his fathers and has a house on it and got land selected for the girl if it is not filed on.  
Q Are these lands you have selected for them under improvements?  
A Yes sir. Land I selected for girl got 66 acres improved and boys about 20 acres.  
Q Does the land lie on the West side of Grand river? A Yes sir.  
Q In what district? A Coo-wee-scoo-wee district.  
Q Has any application been made for these children at either Vinita or Tahlequah Land Offices? A No sir.  
Q First time any application has been made to file? A Yes sir.

Witness offers circular letter from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes addressed to the guardian of Lon and Eva Landrum, notifying him to appear on or before March 31, 1905 and select allotments in the Cherokee Nation.

Blanch Ashton upon oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she accurately recorded the testimony in this case and that the above is correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of March, 1905.

*Blanch Ashton*  
*W. H. Harrison*  
Notary Public.





Q Don John born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

#403, Bolla Langrum, Coconino County District.

The Kaine-Clifton Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation

Q When did you enroll in the roll? A No, sir.

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131 #1000 Bolla Langrum, Coconino County District.

The 1860 Antislavery Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee

Q Is your name on the roll? A Yes, sir.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE  
CIVILIZED TRIBES

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., MAY 1901

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., MAY 21st, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Polly Landrum for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, said Landrum being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Polly Landrum.  
Q What is your age? A 35 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Hayden.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name found on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A John Landrum.  
Q Is he living? A That was him here just now.  
Q Your mother's name is Mary Landrum? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of Applicant found thereon, page 131 #1685, Polly Landrum, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q Never have been married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your husband's name? A Elias Lyons.  
Q Are you living with him? A No, sir.  
Q Your name is Lyons isn't it instead of Landrum? A My father enrolled me, I was on the river here and he enrolled me and I just let it go this way.  
Q Don't you sign your name Lyons? A No, sir.  
Q Aren't you called Lyons? A No, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton Roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name identified thereon page 19, #463, Polly Landrum, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q You were born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

BY L. B. BELL, Cherokee Representative:

- Q Has he married again? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you and him ever have a divorce? A No, sir.

POLEY LANDRUM applies for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman. She is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerns-Clifton pay roll. She makes satisfactory proof as to her residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of May, 1901.

*F. B. Needles*

Commissioner.

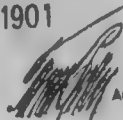


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age 33

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

United States of America. } SS.  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Northern District.

I, Charles A. Davidson, Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the 10 day of October, 1901, at M., and duly recorded in Book L, Marriage Record, Page 248

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Muskogee, in said Territory, this 10 day of October, A. D. 1901

Chas. A. Davidson Clerk.  
By Deputy.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, I. T.,

I, the undersigned, a Stenographer to the Five Civilized Tribes, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original offered in evidence in the matter of application for enrollment of the Cherokee Nation.

as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

CHAIRMAN

Department of the Interior,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Tahlequah, I. T., May 4, 1903.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original offered in evidence in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Polly Cunningham as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

*L. R. Cunningham*  
Commissioner.

**CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.**

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY. } SS.  
Northern District.

I, Charles A. Davidson, Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the 10 day of October 1901, at M., and duly recorded in Book L, Marriage Record, Page 248.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Muskogee, in said Territory, this 10 day of October, A. D. 1901.

Chas. A. Davidson Clerk.

By Deputy.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,**

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, I. T., I  
I, the undersigned, a Stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original offered in evidence in the matter of application for enrollment of  
as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Department of the Interior,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Tahlequah, I. T., May 4, 1903.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original offered in evidence in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Polly Cunningham as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

*C. R. Cunningham*  
Commissioner.

# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } ss.  
Northern District.

No. 201

## To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to Solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between Mr. Lawson Cunningham, of Hayden, in the Indian Territory, aged 39 years, and Mrs. Polly Landrum, of Hayden, in the Indian Territory, aged 33 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Muskogee, Indian Territory, this 7 day of October A. D. 1901.

Chas. A. Davidson  
Clerk of the U. S. Court.

By R. H. Lybrand Deputy.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } ss.  
Northern District.

I, R. H. Lybrand, a Deputy Clerk of the Gospel, Do HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 7 day of October, A. D. 1901, I did duly and according to law as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand this 7 day of October A. D. 1901.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Northern District, Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_

R. H. Lybrand  
Deputy Clerk.

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Supp'l to Freed # 278

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., March 25, 1903.

In the matter of the application of POLLY LANDRUM, for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman:

POLLY CUNNINGHAM, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

- Q What is your name ? A Polly Cunningham.  
Q It was Polly Landrum ? A Yes sir.  
Q How old are you ? A I will soon be thirty six.  
Q What is your post office ? A Hayden.  
Q You are a Cherokee Freedman ? A Yes sir.  
Q At the time you made application for enrollment your name was Polly Landrum ? A Yes sir.  
Q You have married since then ? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name ? A Lawson Cunningham.  
Q Is he a Freedman ? A No sir.  
Q A State man ? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married to him ? A The 7th of last ~~Mar~~ October.  
Q You have been living in the Cherokee Nation with your husband since that time ? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got a marriage certificate ? A Yes sir, but I didn't bring it with me.  
Q It is at home ? A Yes sir.  
Q Will you send it to the Commission ? A Yes sir.

E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. C. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 15, 1903.

*Samuel Foreman*

Notary Public.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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CHAPMAN

Cherokee F-878

Tahlequah, Indian Territory, May 4, 1903.

Polly Cunningham,

C/o Lawson Cunningham,

Zona, Indian Territory

Dear Madam:

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The marriage license and certificate forwarded to the Commission showing your marriage, on October 7, 1901, to Lawson Cunningham, is herewith returned to you, a copy of same having been made and filed with your application for enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge  
Cherokee Land Office.

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WRS





Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Winita, O. T., May 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lewis Whitmire for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Betsy Whitmire, and his three children as Cherokee Freedmen, he being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Lewis Whitmire.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly; I am about 62 or 3.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Hayden, O. T.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cowardspawnee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes sir, my family.  
Q Have you a wife? A Yes sir, and a lot of children.  
Q How many children do you apply for? A For two children.  
Q Your wife, wife and two children? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been living here all my life, never was out of the nation.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, I have been recognized.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A His name was Major Wright.  
Q Is your father dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He has been dead about 17 or 18 years.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A My mother was named Peggie Whitmire.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead, I can't tell you exactly; I guess it must be 16 or 17 years.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q To whom did you belong before the war? A George Whitmire.  
Q You were a slave at the time the war broke out? A Yes sir.  
Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A Betsy Sanders was her name before I married her.  
Q How old is your wife? A 56 years old.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman of her own right? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she lived in the Cherokee Nation? A She was born and grewed here.  
Q She lived here all her life? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father. Do you know the name of her father? A No sir, I don't.  
Q Do you know the name of her mother? A Her mother was named Jennie Sanders.  
Q Is your wife's mother dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Six years.  
Q How long have you and your wife been married? A Well, I don't know exactly; I aint got no education, and I never dated the time; its about 33 years, I guess.  
Q Give me the names of these two children for whom you apply?  
A Ruth.  
Q How old is Ruth? A About 18 years old.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Mary Ellen.  
Q How old is Mary Ellen? A She is 16.  
Q These children both living now? A Yes sir, both living.  
Q They are the children of you and this wife? A Yes sir.  
Q I want the names of all the children under 21 years of age? A Alex.  
Q How old is Alex? A I can't tell.



Betsy Whitmire, being sworn and examined by Commissioner  
Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your name. A Betsy Whitmire.

Q Are you the wife of this man here? A Yes sir.

Q How old is your child Alex? A 30 years old.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the  
Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are  
found thereon as follows:

Page 197, No. 5151, Lewis Whitmire, Cooweescoowee District.

Page 197, No. 5152, Betsy Whitmire, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation  
examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon  
as follows:

Page 435, No. 709, Lewis Whitmire, Cooweescoowee Dist.

Page 438, No. 710, Betsy Whitmire, Cooweescoowee Dist.

Page 438, No. 712, Alex Whitmire, Cooweescoowee Dist.

Page 436, No. 713, Ruthie Whitmire, Cooweescoowee Dist.

Page 436, No. 714, Mary (Ell.) Whitmire, Cooweescoowee  
District.

Commissioner of Betsy Whitmire:

Q Alex is living with you? A Yes sir.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself,  
his wife, and three minor children. The applicant is  
identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee  
Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his  
life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee  
Freedman. His wife is identified with him on the rolls of  
1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; she has lived in the  
Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for  
enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The three children  
named in the testimony, Alex, Ruth and Mary E. Whitmire,  
are living at this time; they are duly identified on the  
roll of 1896, and they will now be listed for enrollment  
as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer  
to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly re-  
corded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic  
notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of May, 1901.

*E. D. Ashbaugh*  
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 21-1901

Post Office

Hayden, S. F.

District

Cov.

1. Name

George Whitman

Age

62+

Owner's name

George Whitman

Citizenship

Cherokee

Year

1888

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No.

3151

District

Cov.

Parents:

Father

Major Knight d.

Citizenship

Cov.

Mother

Biddy Whitman

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Betsy Whitman

Age

56

Owner's name

Betsy Whitman

Citizenship

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Year

1888

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No.

3152

District

Cov.

Parents:

Father

[Signature]

Citizenship

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Mother

Jennie Sanders

Citizenship

dead. Cov.

Names of Children:

3.

Charles Whitman

Year

1896

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Mary A.

Year

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Alice

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Application made by

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Betsy Whitman

Ruthie

Mary (Bill) Whitman

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Commissioner

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**Department of the Interior,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.**

In the matter of the death of Mary E. Whitmire  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Hayden Okla Ind. Ter., and died on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Nov.  
(Here insert name of post office)  
Nov. 1910

**AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE**

I, Lewis Whitmire, on oath state that I am 70  
 years of age and a citizen, by Birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is Hayden Okla, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice)  
Father of Mary E. Whitmire  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by Birth, of the Cherokee Nation  
 and that said Mary E. Whitmire died on the 28 day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
November 1910

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses) { J. G. Brumett  
S. A. Dial

Lewis Whitmire  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1912

J. B. Thompson  
 Notary Public.

**AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE** My Commission expires April 12, 1918

I, J. B. Thompson, on oath state that I am 74  
 years of age, and a citizen by Birth of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is Hayden Okla, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice)  
 that I was personally acquainted with Mary E. Whitmire  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by Birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Mary E. Whitmire died on the 28 day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
Nov 1910

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses) { J. G. Brumett  
S. A. Dial

J. B. Thompson  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1912

J. B. Thompson  
 Notary Public.

My Commission expires April 12, 1918

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Tahlequah, I. T., August 25, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Ruth Dehart (formerly Ruth Whitmire) for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of the Cherokee Nation.

Ruth Dehart being duly sworn and examined  
by the Commission testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Ruth Dehart.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Hayden.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Under what name were you enrolled by the Commission?  
A Ruth Whitmire.  
Q You have married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A 8th of October 1903.  
Q Who were you married to? A William Dehart.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.

I, J. F. Gaskill, being duly sworn, state that as stenographer for the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, I correctly recorded the foregoing proceedings and testimony and the above is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes.

*J. F. Gaskill*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Aug. 1904

*Samuel L. Linn*  
Notary Public.





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 enrollment as Ochookee Freedman under the name of Noman.  
 under their proper name, and that will now be traced for  
 present marriage, and she desires them to be enrolled now  
 marriage with a man named Noman, who died here, so her  
 common law marriage with the deceased direct to her present;  
 however, that there are children of the applicant under a  
 of 1888; they are minors and are living now. If correct,  
 are identified with her and under her present name on the to it  
 Ochookee Freedman. Her two children, first and Lewis Noman,  
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 name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory  
 in the Ochookee Nation all her life. Her assertions in  
 to the of 1880 and 1888 as a Ochookee Freedman. She has lived  
 marriage and two children. The applicant is identified on the  
 The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, her

Q Now, you're a witness in court.  
Q And again, if your husband came out here to see about the envelope, you would expect to see him.  
A Yes.

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Page 486, No. 480, Lewis Williams, Gloucestershire District  
Page 486, No. 478, Elizabeth Williams, Gloucestershire District.  
are found thereon as follows:  
Notion examined and the names of the subscribers are appended  
The 1886 census roll of the freedmen of the Cherokee

Department of the Interior.  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Visita, T. T., Mar 21, 1901.

IN the matter of the application of Faggie Williams for the enrollment of herself, her husband, Alf, Williams, and her two children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Faggie Williams.  
Q How old are you? A 30 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Hayden.  
Q In what district do you live? A Coconino District.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Two children.  
Q Have you a husband? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll him? A Yes sir, if I could.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You want to apply for yourself, your husband and two children? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my days, born and raised here.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Lewis Whitmire.  
Q He is alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Betsy Whitmire.  
Q She is alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your husband? A Alf, Williams.  
Q How old is your husband? A He is 22 years old.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Lived here all his days, I guess.  
Q Give me the name of his father. A I don't know his father; Williams is all I know.  
Q Do you know the name of his mother? A Ruth Williams.  
Q Is his father dead, do you know? A I guess he is.  
Q Is his mother alive? A No sir, she is dead.  
Q How long has his mother been dead? A She has been dead about 15 years, I guess.  
Q When were you and your husband married? A I don't know; we have been married about four years, I guess.  
Q Have you a certificate of marriage? A No sir, a preacher married us.

Lizzie Green, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C.R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name. A Lizzie Green.  
Q How old are you? A 37.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Hayden.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Born and raised here.  
Q Are you a sister of the applicant here? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your sister married? A Yes sir.  
Q To whom is she married? A To Alf, Williams.  
Q How long has she been married? A About four years.  
Q Was this sister ever married except to him? A No sir.  
Q Was he ever married except to her? A No sir. She lived with another man.  
Q But they weren't married? A No sir.  
Q How long did she live with the other man? A She lived with him about two or three years.  
Q Didn't they pass as husband and wife? A Yes sir.  
Q What was the name of that man? A Henry Monson.  
Q How long did you say she lived with Henry Monson? A Three or four years.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Then she parted from Henry Monson and married this man? A He got killed.  
Q Did she live with him until he was killed? A Yes sir.  
Q And then after that she married this man, Williams? A Yes sir.  
Q Your sister is known now as Williams? A Yes sir.

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Commissioner of Applicant: Give me the names of these children? A

Russ Monson.

Q How old is that child? A 15 years old.

Q Give me the name of the next child? A Lewis Monson.

Q How old is he? A 16 years old.

Q You have no children by your present marriage? A No sir.

Q These children living now? A Yes sir.

Q Was your present husband ever married before he married you?

A Yes sir, he was married.

Q How many times? A Once, I think.

Q Was that wife dead when he married you? A No sir, she aint dead.

Q Did he ever get a divorce from her? A I couldn't tell you.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 197, No. 3154, Peggy Whitmire, Cooweescoowee District.

Harry Still, being sworn and examined by Commissioner O. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your name. A Harry Still.

Q How old are you? A Something about fifty.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.

Q Do you know Alf. Williams? A Yes sir.

Q Is he the husband of this woman? A Yes sir.

Q What is his mother's name? A When I got acquainted with her they called her Ruthie.

Q Did they ever call her any other name? A Not that I know of.

Q How many children did she leave? A When I knewed her she only had one, when I was acquainted with her.

Q When was that? A 15 or 16 years ago.

Q She had only one child living with her? A Yes sir.

Q What was his name? A Alf.

Q Is that the husband of this woman? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know anything about a Jane Williams? A No sir, I don't.

Commissioner of Applicant: Do you know any Jane Williams? A I have seen her.

Q Is she any kin to your husband? A She is said to have been.

Q How do you know? A Jane Williams owned his mother they say.

Q She had been a slave of your husband's people before the war?

A I guess she had, I guess so; they were living together.

Q Did this Jane Williams live with your mother? A His mother lived with Jane Williams.

Q How old a person is Jane Williams? A I don't know how old she is.

Q Was she an old woman? A Yes sir, she is dead now.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's husband is found on page 311, No. 3511, Alf. Williams, Cooweescoowee District, eleven years old.

Q Is there any Lucy that you know of? A No sir, she went by Ruth.

Q You think that is meant for your husband's mother? A Yes sir.

The 1893 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 426, No. 718, Peggy Williams, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1886 census roll examined for the name of the applicant's husband and his name is not found thereon.

Q Did your husband draw strip money, do you know? A Yes sir.

Q Where is your husband now? A He is in town.

The Kerna Clifton Roll examined and the name of the applicant's husband is found on page 99, No. 2481, Alf. Williams, Cooweescoowee District, 24 years old.

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The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's children are found thereon as follows:

Page 426, No. 719, Emma Williams, Cooweescoowee District.

Page 426, No. 720, Lewis Williams, Cooweescoowee District.

Harry Still recalled:

Q How long have you known this man, Alf Williams, since he was a child? A Yes sir.

Q How old would you call him now? A About 24 or five years old.

Q You think his wife is mistaken when she says he is 22? A Yes sir, I think so.

Applicant: I was just guessing at it.

Commissioner of Applicant: Now, these children, you had them enrolled in '96 as Williams. Do you want them enrolled under their father's name, Monson? A Yes sir.

Q That was a common law marriage between you and your first husband. You and your former husband kept house together? A Yes.

Q You held each other as husband and wife? A Yes sir.

Q Why didn't your husband come out here to see about his enrollment? A He is a witness in court.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, her husband and two children. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Her variations in name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory manner, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her two children, Emma and Lewis Monson, are identified with her and under her present name on the roll of 1896; they are minors and are living now. It appears, however, that these are children of the applicant's under a common law marriage which she contracted prior to her present marriage with a man named Monson, who died prior to her present marriage, and she desires them to be enrolled now under their proper name, and they will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen under the name of Monson. The applicant's husband is identified with reasonable certainty on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerne Clifton Roll as a Cherokee Freedman, and is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life. There is considerable discrepancy however, in his age as given now and as given upon the rolls, and also his deceased mother is identified on the roll of 1880 as Lucy Williams, and her name is uniformly given as Ruth. For the more satisfactory identification of the applicant's husband, he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card.

The 1880 authenticated roll examined for the name of the applicant's husband's mother, and her name is found on page 211, No. 3510, Lucy Williams, Cooweescoowee District.

Q Is your husband older or younger than you? A He is younger than I am.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of May, 1901.

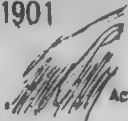
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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 21-1901  
 Post Office Wayden, F. I. T.  
 District Lev.

1. Name Alf Williams Age 22  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 211 No. 3511 District Lev.

Parents:

Father Orish Williams Citizenship Lev.  
 Mother Beggy Williams Citizenship "

Name of wife Beggy Williams Age 30  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 197 No. 3154 District Lev.

Parents:

Father Louis Whitman Citizenship Lev.  
 Mother Betty " " Citizenship "

Names of Children:

|     |                     |                  |                 |                |                   |             |
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| 2   | <u>Emma Whitman</u> | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>426</u> | No. <u>719</u> | Dist. <u>Lev.</u> | <u>1896</u> |
| 3   | <u>Louis</u>        | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>"</u>   | No. <u>720</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>    | <u>1896</u> |
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Application made by Mr. 2 Beggy Williams Stenographer Robert  
Mr. 21 on 1896 Page 426 No. 718 Dist. Lev.  
" 1 " 1896 " " 99 " 2481 "  
" 22 " 1896 " as Emma Williams  
" 23 " 1896 " as Louis  
" 1 on 1896 as Beggy Whitman





Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 31, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rachel Clay for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Rachel Clay, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Rachel Clay.  
Q How old are you? A 19.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Delaware.  
Q Do you live in Vinita? A No, sir.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to be enrolled besides yourself? A No one.  
Q What is your father's name? A Buck Ledman.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Eliza Ledman.  
Q Have you ever been married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you married now? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A George Clay.  
Q You want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q Do you know whether your father and mother are on the roll of 1880 or not? A No, sir, I don't; yes, sir.  
Q Is your father living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your mother living? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and mother of applicant identified thereon, page 251, No. 402, Delaware district, as Eliza Buffington.  
Q Was your mother ever called Buffington? A Yes, sir.  
Q How did her name happen to be Buffington? A Gus Buffington's daughter.  
Q Give me the name before she was married to your father; Buffington? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Born and raised here? A Yes, sir.  
Rachel Clay on 1886 census roll, page 652, No. 64, Delaware district, as Rachel Ledman.  
Q When did you marry George Clay? A About a month ago.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No, sir.

Commissioner: Rachel Clay applies for the enrollment of herself. She avers that she is the child of Eliza Ledman, whose maiden name was Eliza Buffington, and the name of her said mother is fully identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 according to page and number of the roll as indicated in the testimony, and the name of the applicant, Rachel, is found upon the census roll of 1886. She avers that she is now married to one George Clay, a non citizen. She is fully identified and makes satisfactory proof as to her residence, consequently Rachel Clay will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 31st day of May, 1901.

Commissioner.

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J. S. H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 21, 1901

Post Office

Vinita, Ok.

District

Delaware

Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Rachel Clay

Age

17

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1896

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No.

64

District

Delaware

Parents:

Father

Buck Ledman - living

Citizenship

Mother

Eliza Ledman - living

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

No. 1

Stenographer

B. B. Jones

On 1896 roll as Rachel Ledman





Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Frank Ross for the enrollment of himself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen.

Frank Ross, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Frank Ross.  
Q What is your age? A 33.  
Q What is your post office address? A Hayden.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A My boy, young Frank.  
Q How old is he? A He is 20.  
Q Are you married? A No, sir.  
Q What is Frank Ross's mother's name? A Her name was Susan.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q Was she a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is her name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir, it ought to be.  
Q With yours? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Frank Ross identified thereon, Page 188, No. 2489, Cooweescoowee district.

Susan Ross on Page 188, No. 2490, Cooweescoowee district, as Sadie Ross.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants not identified thereon.

- Q You drew your strip money? A Yes, sir.  
The Kerne-Clifton roll examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Frank Ross on Page 2, No. 48, Cooweescoowee district.  
Frank Ross, Jr., on page 2, No. 48, Cooweescoowee district.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880, continuously? A Yes, sir, lived right in the Nation.  
Q Has your son Frank lived here? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he living at this time? A Yes, sir, at home.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Frank Ross applies for the enrollment of himself and his son Frank, Jr. He is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880, as well as the Kerne-Clifton pay-roll. His son, Frank Ross, Jr., is identified upon the Kerne-Clifton roll. He makes satisfactory proof as to his residence, consequently Frank Ross and his son Frank, Jr., will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of May, 1901.

*Bruce G. Jones*  
*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

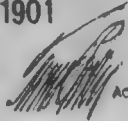


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *May 21, 1901*  
 Post Office *Hayden St.*  
 District *Cowles Cove*

1. Name *Frank Ross* Age *5-3*  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year *1880* Page *168* No. *2489* District *Cow*

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2. *Frank Ross Jr* Year *Kb* Page *2* No. *42* Dist. *Cow's* *20*  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 6. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 11. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by *Ms. 1* Stenographer *B. C. Jones*

*On Kb. roll, Page 2 # 40, Cow.*





Straight card, Jessie Ross and child.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winita, I.T., May 31, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Samuel Ross for the enrollment of himself, his wife and one child as Cherokee Freedmen.

Samuel Ross, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Samuel Ross.  
Q What is your age? A As near as I can guess.  
Q What is your post office? A Nayden.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Always has.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A I drew the money from that roll, I suppose so.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A Well, I had nobody when I was enrolled.  
Q Who do you want to enroll now? A Wife and a daughter.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Jessie Whitwire.  
Q How old is she? A She is 36.  
Q What is your child's name? A Jessie.  
Q How old is she? A She is about 7.  
Q What is your wife's father's name? A Lewis Whitwire.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is his name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir, supposed to be.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Betsey Whitwire.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your name doesnot appear to be on the roll of 1880? A It was in 1896.  
Q If it was in 1896 then it is there now; how do you know it was there in 1896? A When I was before the Clifton Court and they said it was only a copy roll and if I drew money in 1880 the roll was at Tahlequah, and he advised me to go and get a certificate with the Nation's seal on it, and he would enroll me, and I did so; they taken the certificate to make up the roll; I told him I wanted to keep it, and he said he would return it to me but he never did.  
The 1880 authenticated roll, of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Samuel Ross not identified thereon.  
Q You drew your strip money? A Yes, sir, I drew twice in the Cherokee Nation.

- The Kerns-Clifton roll examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 184, No. 3808, Cooweescoowee district, as Sam Ross.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Jessie Ross identified thereon, page 187, No. 3157, Cooweescoowee district, as Jessie Whitwire.  
Q You never drew any money for Jessie, this child? A No, sir.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Samuel Ross not identified thereon;  
Jessie Ross on page 486, No. 715, Cooweescoowee district; as Jessie Whitwire.  
Jessie Ross on page 486, No. 716, Cooweescoowee district, as Jessie Whitwire.  
Q Well, are you a brother of Frank Ross? A Yes, sir.

Note: Applicant, as well as Frank Ross and Juno Martin, testified further as to citizenship of applicant, Samuel Ross, which testimony is omitted as not affecting rights of Jessie Ross and her child.

Commissioner: Samuel Ross applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Jessie Ross, and his child Jessie. His name is not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880,



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but he is duly identified with the name of John Jones, and he makes satisfactory proof as to his residence. In reason of the fact that his name is not upon the authorized roll of 1880, and the payment of the Indian Service, John Jones will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a certified card, pending further consideration by the Commission.

The name of his wife, Jennie, is duly identified with the authorized roll of 1880 as Jennie Williams, that having been her maiden name. The name of his child, Jessie, whom he swore in the receipt of his marriage to his wife Jennie, is duly identified with the census roll of 1880. Said Jennie makes satisfactory proof as to her residence and that of her child, consequently Jennie and her child Jessie will be listed for enrollment on a Cherokee Freedman on a straight card.

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Ernest H. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Ernest H. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd day of May, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.



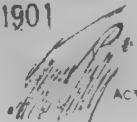
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 21, 1901  
 Post Office Hayden G.  
 District Cookweeconner

1. Name Nathaniel Ross Age 49  
 Owner's name Lewis Ross Citizenship Cherokee  
 Year 1897 Page 157 No. 3000 District Boo

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Jessie Ross Age 26  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1897 Page 197 No. 3157 District Boo

Parents:

Father Lewis Whitmire - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Betsy - deceased Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|     |                    |                  |                 |                |                  |          |
|-----|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------|
| 3.  | <u>Jessie Ross</u> | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>426</u> | No. <u>716</u> | Dist. <u>Boo</u> | <u>7</u> |
| 4.  |                    | Year             | Page            | No.            | Dist.            |          |
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Application made by Nathaniel Ross Stenographer B. C. Jones

1 1896 " " Page 426 \* 715 Jessie Whitmire  
Boo. Dist.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Winton, I. T., May 31, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jennie Evans for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Hordless, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jennie Evans.  
Q How old are you? A 35 years old.  
Q What is your present address? A Hayden.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Two children.  
Q What are the names of your two children? A Henrietta Evans.  
Q How old is she? A 10 years old.  
Q The next child? A James Evans.  
Q How old is he? A 8 years old.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name found on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Lewis Whitmire.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Betsy Whitmire.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 187, No. 5158, Jenny Whitmire, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants found therein as follows:

Page 426, No. 698, Jennie Whitmire, Cooweescoowee District  
Page 426, No. 698, Henrietta Whitmire, Cooweescoowee Dist.  
Page 426, No. 700, James Whitmire, Cooweescoowee Dist.

- Q Are you married? A Yes sir, I have been married.  
Q What was your husband's name? A Will Evans.  
Q Is he the father of Henrietta and James? A Yes sir.  
Q These children were enrolled in '80 as Whitmire, that was a mistake, was it; their names should be Evans? A Yes, I guess it was.  
Q Their proper name is Evans? A Yes sir.  
Q Are these children living at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Been living here ever since I can recollect; ~~from the time I was born~~  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Jennie Evans applies for the enrollment of herself and two children, Henrietta and James. She avers that she is the child of Lewis and Betsy Whitmire, and that her maiden name was Jennie Whitmire, and she is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Jennie Whitmire; she avers that she was married to one Will Evans, and the result of said marriage she has two children, Henrietta and James, and the names of Henrietta and James are identified upon the census roll of 1896 as Henrietta and James Whitmire, having been erroneously enrolled by her maiden name instead of her married name. They are fully identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Jennie Evans and her two children, Henrietta and James Evans will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.



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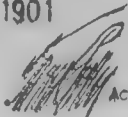
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

May 21 1901

Post Office

Hayden St.

District

Corvies

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife

Jennie Evans

Age

28

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Corvies

Parents:

Father

Lewis Whitmire

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2. Henrietta Evans Year 1896 Page 426 No. 699 Dist. Corvies 10

3. James " Year 9 Page 426 No. 700 Dist. " 6

5. Year Page No. Dist.

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Application made by

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Stenographer

E. B. Brumberger

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I. T., August 5, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Jennie Evans for the enrollment of herself and children, Henrietta and James Evans as Cherokee Freedman.

JENNIE ROSS, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jennie Ross.  
Q What is your age? A 31.  
Q What is your post office? A Hayden.  
Q You are a Cherokee Freedman, are you? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Frank Ross.  
Q Is this he? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.  
Q He is a Cherokee Freedman, is he? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A About two years in September.  
Q Do you remember what day in September? A No sir, I don't.

Mary B. Risser, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this August 11, 1904.

*Mary B. Risser*  
*Darius Forman*  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 28, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ben Sanders for the enrollment of himself, wife and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Brackinridge he testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Ben Sanders.  
Q How old are you? A 37.  
Q What is your post-office? A Centralia, Indian Territory.  
Q In what district do you live? A In Nowata County District.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you a wife that you want to apply for? A Yes sir.  
Q And how many children? A I have got four.  
Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q Are they all under 21 years of age? A Yes sir.  
Q Are they all unmarried? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Simon Sanders.  
Q Is he alive? A No sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A Been dead about 7 or 8 years, died in '84, or '84, six or seven years ago.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Sarah Sanders.  
Q Is your mother dead? A No sir, unless she died lately; I haven't heard it.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A Lizzie.  
Q Does she claim to be a Cherokee Freedman of her own right? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is your wife? A She is 36 I think, or 27.  
Q When did you marry her? A It has been 10 years ago.  
Q How long has she lived in the Cherokee Nation? A She has lived here all her life.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A George Webber.  
Q Is he alive? A No sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I don't know sir, just how long he has been dead.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Hannah.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the names of these four children? A Aleck.  
Q How old is Aleck? A Nine years old.  
Q Next child? A Jesse.  
Q Boy or girl? A Boy.  
Q How old is he? A Going on 8.  
Q Next child? A George.  
Q How old is George? A 5 years old past.  
Q Next child? A Mark.  
Q How old is Mark? A He is about a year and a half old, born in 1900.  
Q These are all children of this marriage are they? A Yes sir.  
Q Is there someone here who knows that you and your wife have been living together as man and wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Name somebody? A George Reed.

GEORGE REED, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Brackinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give your name? A George Reed.  
Q How old are you? A About 45.  
Q What is your post-office? A Centralia.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I come here in '85.  
Q Do you know the applicant here? A Yes sir, I knowed him ever since I have been here.  
Q He is married is he? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of his wife? A Lizzie Sanders.  
Q About how long have they been married? A They have been mar-



Ben Sanders et al

ried about 10 years, maybe longer.

Q What was her name when he married her? A Her name was Johnson, Webber when she married.

Q What did she ever have to do with the name of Johnson?

A She never was a Johnson.

Q You were just mistaken in calling it? A Yes sir, just mistaken.

Q Have they lived together as husband and wife ever since they were married? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified as follows:  
page 806 #2069 Ben Sanders, Tahlequah District, adopted col'd  
page 822 #2583 Lizzie Webber, Tahlequah District, colored adopted

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified as follows:

page 1323 #495 Benjamin Sanders, Tahlequah District;  
page 1323 #486 Lizzie Sanders, Tahlequah District;  
page 1323 #487 Alexander Sanders, Tahlequah District;  
page 1323 #488 Jessie Sanders, Tahlequah District.  
page 1323 #489 George Sanders, Tahlequah District.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and four children; the applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; his wife is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee

Freedman; her change of name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory manner; of their four children named in the testimony all are the children of this marriage; they are minors and are living now; the first three are duly identified on the roll of 1896 and they will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; when the applicant presents the Commission with proper certificate of birth of the youngest child, Mark, this child also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

MD. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*MD. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 22, 1901.

*[Signature]*

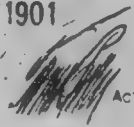
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Mark Sanders

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

June 20th 1901

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Mark Sanders, born on the 22 day of Feb., 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Ben Sanders, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lizzie Sanders, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Centralia MS

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Crow District.

I, Lizzie Sanders, on oath state that I am 26  
years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Ben Sanders, who is a citizen, by  
Birth, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 22 day of Feb., 1900 that said child has been  
named Mark Sanders, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Lizzie Sanders  
J. H. Blair

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of June, 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Crow District.

I, Missie Huchon, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lizzie Sanders, wife of Ben Sanders,  
on the 22 day of Feb., 1900, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Mark Sanders.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Missie Huchon  
J. H. Blair

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of June, 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 5, 1906.

Postmaster

Killee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of your letter of June 21, 1906, in which you state there is a registered letter in your office addressed to Ben Sanders, and that the probable address of Ben Sanders is Centerville, Indian Territory.

You will please forward the same to Centerville, Indian Territory.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.





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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of George Reed for the enrollment of himself as intermarried Cherokee Freedman, and for his wife and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge he testified as follows:

- Q I swore you just now? A Yes sir.  
Q Give your name thereof? A George Reed.  
Q How old are you? A 43.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Centralia.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cawwawawee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes no sir, I don't want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman; I am a married man, state man.  
Q You want to apply for your family? A Yes sir.  
Q You are a state man? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever get out a Cherokee license? A Yes sir.  
Q Where is the license? A In my pocket.  
Q Let me see it? A (Produces papers.)

Com'r: We will go into your license directly, but you may have rights as an intermarried Cherokee and you had better apply for yourself as well as for your family.

- Q You will apply for yourself then as well as your family? A Yes sir.

- Q You apply for your wife also? A Yes sir.  
Q And how many children have you? A Four.  
Q Are these children all under 21 years of age? A Yes sir.  
Q And all unmarried? A Yes sir.  
Q All living now? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married to your wife? A I was married in '59 I think it was.

- Q What was her name when you married her? A Harriet Sanders.

Com'r: The applicant presents a license issued by the clerk of Tahlequah District, April 12, 1889, authorizing marriage between himself and wife, as stated by him, and the certificate shows that they were united in marriage on the day following, by the Rev. E. T. Carter; said license and certificate are indorsed as having been recorded in the clerk's office, of Tahlequah District, on the 16th day of April, 1889; this paper is filed herewith.

- Q Were you ever married except to this woman? A No sir.  
Q And have you and she lived together in the Cherokee Nation ever since you were married? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife's present name then is Harriet Reed? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is your wife? A 31 I think.  
Q Was she ever married before she married you? A No sir.  
Q How long has she lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All her life.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Simon Sanders.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A Been dead about 5 or 7 years.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Sarah Sanders.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir.  
Q Give me the names of your four children? A Henry is the oldest one.  
Q How old is Henry? A Henry is nine years old.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A George.  
Q How old is George? A He is 7.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Three.  
Q Name of the child? A Lee.  
Q Three years old? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A It aint more than about three weeks old.  
Q Give me the name of the child? A Mabel.  
Q About three weeks old? A Yes sir.  
Q These are all your children by this marriage are they? A Yes sir.

George Reed Sr et al 2

1880 authentic roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife identified as follows  
page 808 #2071 Harriet, Saxlers, Tahlequah District, adopted colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 1320 #415 Harriett Reed, Tahlequah District.

Com'r to clerk: You d n't find her husband on that roll, Geo?  
A That There's a child George, only one George.  
1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation  
page 1320 #416 Henry Reed Tahlequah District  
page 1320 #417 George Reed, Tahlequah District;

Q Beatr ce dead? A Yes sir.

Q Now you have a child of the same name as yourself? A Yes sir.

Q Then you had better call your self George sr. and the child George Jr., that's agreeable to you is it, that means you are George the older and your child is George the younger? A Yes sir.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and four children; his claim to enrollment is as an intermarried citizen; his wife duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; she has lived in the Cherokee nation all her life; her change of name arises from her marriage, and is established by the license and certificate filed herewith; she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; of their four children, the first two named in the testimony are identified on the roll of 1896; they are minors, and are living, and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; when the Commission is supplied with proper certificates of birth of the two ~~remaining~~ younger children, Lee and Mabel Reed, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; all of these children are of the present marriage; as for the applicant himself, it is shown by the license and certificate filed herewith that he was married under a Cherokee license and in accordance with Cherokee law on the 13th of April, 1889; he states that neither he or his wife was previously married, and that he has lived with his wife in the Cherokee nation ever since their marriage; he is a colored man, and by nativity a state man; he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage, upon a doubtful card, for the further consideration of his status under the law; when the Commission has reached final decision in his case he will be notified at his post-office address.

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M.D.Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 23, 1901.

*M.D. Green*  
*R. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

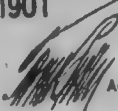
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

Post Office

District

May 22 1901  
Centralia J. F.

1. Name

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|    |        |      |           |           |         |            |    |
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| 2  | Henry  | Reed | Year 1896 | Page 1320 | No. 416 | Dist. Lak. | 37 |
| 3  | George | Reed | Year "    | Page "    | No. 417 | Dist. "    | 37 |
| 4  | Lee    | Reed | Year      | Page      | No.     | Dist.      | 37 |
| 5  | Mabel  | Reed | Year      | Page      | No.     | Dist.      | 37 |
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| 8  |        |      | Year      | Page      | No.     | Dist.      |    |
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| 11 |        |      | Year      | Page      | No.     | Dist.      |    |
| 12 |        |      | Year      | Page      | No.     | Dist.      |    |

Application made by

Mr. I. George Reed, Stenographer

Mr. 1 on 1896 Roll Harriett Sandage.

Mr. 1 on 1896 Roll Page 1320

Mr. 415 Harriett Lak. Reed. Lak.

Mr. 4 and 5. Proof of birth to be supplied



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Mabel Reed

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved,

June 29 1901

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
 of Mabel Reed, born on the 8th day of May, 1901.  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: George Reed, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Harriet Reed, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Centralia I.T.

### AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Cherokee District.

I, Harriet Reed, on oath state that I am 31  
 years of age and a citizen, by Birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of George Reed, who is a citizen, by  
Birth, of the U.S. Nation, that a Female child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on the 8th day of May, 1901; that said child has been  
 named Mabel Reed, and is now living.

#### WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses)

Winona V. Blair  
Lloyd Blair

Harriet Reed

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of June, 1901.

J. W. Blair  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

### AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Cherokee District.

I, Marion Simon, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Harriet Reed, wife of George Reed,  
 on the 8th day of May, 1901; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been,  
 (male or female)  
 named Mabel Reed.

#### WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses)

Winona V. Blair  
Lloyd Blair

Marion Simon  
Midwife

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of June, 1901.

J. W. Blair  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 886

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lee Reed

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

1901

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHEROKEE

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Lee Reed, born on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1888  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: George Reed, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Harriet Reed, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Centralia I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Harriet Reed, on oath state that I am 31  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of George Reed, who is a citizen, by  
of the U.S. Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1888 that said child has been  
named Lee Reed, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Harriet Reed  
Myrona B. Blair  
Floyd Blair

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of June, 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Siniah Johnson, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Harriet Reed, wife of George Reed,  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1888 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Lee Reed  
(male or female)

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Siniah Johnson  
Maggie Glase  
George Walker

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes  
Wash., D.C., May 28, 1901

In the matter of the application of Mary Soles for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
Mary Soles being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Mary Soles.  
Q What is your age? A I think I am about 60, I don't know.  
Q What is your post office? A Watauga.  
Q What district do you live in? A I live in Cherokee County now.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized? A Recognized and never has been doubted that I know of, and I guess I am on all the rolls that they ever taken for Freedman since 1865.  
Q How do you want to enroll? A I want to enroll myself. I have a little adopted child, but its mother will enroll it.  
Q You don't want to enroll it yourself? A No, sir; I was to-  
tally inducted in 1865.  
Q The 1865 enrollment roll of Cherokee Freedman examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 287 No. 1881, appears as Mary Soles.  
Q The 1865 census roll of Cherokee Freedman examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 336, No. 117, Delaware district, as Mary Soles.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Always, don't know any other place.

Commissioner: Mary Soles applies for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman. She is duly identified on the roll of 1865 as well as the roll of 1868. She makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Brice O. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th of May, 1901.

Commissioner.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Vinay Scales for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Vinay Scales being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Vinay Scales.  
Q What is your age? A I think I am going on 69, I don't know.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A I live in Cooweescoowee now.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized? A Recognized and never has been disputed that I know of, and I guess I am on all the rolls that they ever taken for Freedmen since 69.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one, I have a little adopted child, but its mother will enroll it.  
Q You don't want to enroll it yourself? A No, sir; I was registered in Sequoyah district in 1890.

The 1890 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 722 No. 1251, Sequoyah district, as Vena Scales.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 636, No. 117, Delaware district, as Vinnie Scales.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir, always, don't know any other place.

Commissioner: Vinay Scales applies for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman. She is duly identified on the roll of 1890 as well as the roll of 1896. She makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce G. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 23rd of May, 1901.

W. H. Needles

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

May 22, 1901.  
Sims, D.C.  
Tevs

1. Name Age

Owner's name Citizenship

Year Page No. District MAY 22 1901

Parents:

Father Citizenship

Mother Citizenship

2. Name of wife Vinnie Scales Age 64

Owner's name Citizenship

Year 1860 Page 728 No. 1251 District Sequoyah

Parents:

Father Citizenship

Mother Citizenship

Names of Children:

|     |      |      |     |       |
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Application made by

Stenographer

No. 1  
On 1860 roll as Vinnie Scales B.C. Jones

On 1860 roll Page 636 No. 117, Vinnie Scales  
Sequoyah Dist.

Cherokee Freedman B-887.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, I. T., JULY 5, 1905.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS had in the matter of the application  
for the enrollment of JESSE MARTIN as a Cherokee Freedman.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER: --

MIKE MARTIN, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mike Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 39 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Chelsea, I. T.  
Q Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you a freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Taken your allotment of lands in the nation yet? A Yes sir.

The witness is identified as Michael Martin on Cherokee  
Freedman Card 1295, and is No. 3573 on the final roll approved  
by the Secretary of the Interior.

- Q Do you know Jesse Martin? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he any relation to you? A Yes sir, he is my son.  
Q Who is his mother? A Melvina Martin.  
Q Were you ever married to Melvina Martin? A We lived together,  
them times folks just lived together.  
Q Were you and Melvina Martin living together at the time of Jesse's  
birth? A Yes sir.  
Q How long had you been living together before that? A About a  
year.  
Q Did you live with her after his birth? A Yes sir.  
Q How long? A Two years.  
Q Did you ever recognize this child as yours? A Yes sir.  
Q What has become of him? A He is home with me now.  
Q Since when has he been living with you? A About two years  
ago this way, been farming there with me ever since.  
Q Are you living with Melvina now? A No sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Ida Martin.  
Q Did you ever draw money for Jesse? A Yes sir.

Jesse Martin is identified on the Kern-Clifton Roll as No.  
2944, Delaware District. The witness is identified on the same  
roll No. 2944, Delaware District.

- Q How old is Jesse? A I expect about 17 or 18.  
Q Is that a boy or girl? A Boy.

Q Where was Jeane born? A Right where I am living now.  
Q Where has he lived since? A On Caney.  
Q In the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived any place else? A No sir.

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George H. Lessley, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*George H. Lessley*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July, 1905.

*Myron White*  
Notary Public.





DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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of the people as they have been asked to do. The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes has been organized and is now in session. It is the duty of the Commission to investigate the conditions of the Five Civilized Tribes and to report to the Department of the Interior. The Commission is composed of five members, one from each of the Five Civilized Tribes and one from the Department of the Interior. The Commission is now in session at the headquarters of the Five Civilized Tribes, at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Commissioner

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Aggie Muldrow for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Aggie Muldrow, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Aggie Muldrow.  
Q How old are you? A About 29.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vinita, Indian Territory.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1890? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My children.  
Q How many? A Two.  
Q Give me their names? A Lovetta Ross.  
Q How old is Lovetta? A 9 years old.  
Q The next child? A Henrietta Ross.  
Q How old is Henrietta? A 8.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Lewis Muldrow.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Frank Ross.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Susan Ross.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q Were you ever married before you married Mr. Muldrow? A No, sir.  
Q These children were born before you were married? A Yes, sir.  
The 1890 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Aggie Muldrow identified thereon, page 148, No. 2494, Cooweescoowee district, as Aggy Ross.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants not identified thereon.  
Q When were you married to Lewis Muldrow? A In 1899 I think.  
Q Did you draw what is known as the strip money? A Yes, sir.  
The Kerne-Olifton roll examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Aggie Muldrow on page 2, No. 49, Cooweescoowee district;  
Lovetta Ross on page 2, No. 50,, Cooweescoowee district, as Loretta Ross.  
Q Are these children living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.  
Q These children born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir

Commissioner: Aggie Muldrow applies for the enrollment of herself and her two children, Lovetta and Henrietta Ross. She avers that she is the child of Frank and Susan Ross, and that her maiden name was Aggie Ross, and she is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1890 and upon the Kerne-Olifton payroll as Aggie Ross. Her oldest child, Lovetta, is identified upon the Kerne-Olifton roll. The youngest child, Henrietta, does not appear upon any roll. She makes satisfactory proof of the fact that she is now married to one Lewis Muldrow, a non citizen, they having been married in the year 1899. The child Henrietta does not appear upon any rolls.

Q Why didn't you draw for Henrietta? Q They said her name couldn't be found.

They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Aggie Muldrow and her two children, Lovetta and Henrietta Ross, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. It will be necessary to file with this Commission satisfactory proof of the birth of Henrietta.

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A. H. Hildrow - 2.

George C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*George C. Jones*  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of May, 1901.

*A. H. Hildrow*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *May 22d 1901*  
Post Office *Vingta, D.C.*  
District *Geo*

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife *Aggie Marshall* Age *29*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *106* No. *2494* District *Geo*

Parents:

Father *Frank Ross living* Citizenship *Seaboard*

Mother *Lusam Ross - dead* Citizenship *"*

Names of Children:

3. *Leatha Ross* Year *K.C.* Page *9* No. *50* Dist. *Geo* *9*

4. *Leatha* Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. *8*

5. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by

*No 1*

Stenographer

*B.C.*

*Jones*

*No 1 On 1880 roll as Aggie Ross*

*No 1 On K.C. roll Page 9*

*No 49, Aggie Ross, Geo*

*No 2 on K.C. roll as*

*Leatha Ross*

*No 3 Birth certificate required*

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*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Henrietta Ross*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved,

MAY 24 1901

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*W. H. C.*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Henrietta Ross (Here insert name of child), born on the 24 day of December, 1893  
Name of Father: James Martin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Aggie Muldrow, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita I T

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District. }

I, Aggie Muldrow, on oath state that I am 29  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the <sup>lawful</sup> wife of James Martin who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 24 day of December, 1893 that said child has been  
named Henrietta Ross, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Aggie MuldrowSubscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of May, 1901.Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Ida Bean, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Aggie Muldrow <sup>not the</sup> wife of James Martin  
on the 24 day of December, 1893 that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Henrietta Ross.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Ida BeanSubscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of May, 1901.Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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as that was the intention of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes. It is the policy of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes to encourage the progress of the Five Civilized Tribes and to encourage the progress of the Five Civilized Tribes.

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Commissioner

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 22, 1961.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Nathan  
Ross as a Cherokee Freedman.

Nathan Ross, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner  
Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Nathan Ross.  
Q What is your age? A 38 or 39.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman by the  
Cherokee authorities? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself and  
my wife.  
Q Any children? A No, sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Sarah Ross.  
Q What is her age? A 35.  
Q What is her father's name? A Lewis Wickliff.  
Q Is your wife a citizen? A No, sir, she hasn't proved up yet.  
Q When were you married to her? A I forget now, 1897 I  
think. (exhibits paper.)

Commissioner: The applicant presents a duly authenticated  
marriage license and marriage certificate, issued by the  
authorities of the United States, certifying that he was mar-  
ried on the 8th of October, 1896, to Miss Sarah Wickliff.

- Q What was your wife's mother's name? A Lucinda Wickliff.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.  
Q Is your wife's name on the roll of 1880? A No, sir.  
Q Is her name on the Kerns-Clifton pay-roll? A No, I don't  
think it is on any of them.  
Q Have you any proof to offer as to your wife's citizenship?  
A No, sir, I don't know, she is back there now.  
Q Are you and her living together? A Yes, sir.  
Q Well, if you have ~~any~~ proof, you had better withdraw your appli-  
cation for her because I would have to reject her. You withdraw  
the application for your wife Sarah then? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and  
the applicant identified thereon, page 188, No. 2491, Cooweescoowee district.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the  
applicant not identified thereon.  
Q Did you draw your Kerns-Clifton money? A Yes, sir.  
The Kerns-Clifton roll examined and the applicant identified  
thereon, page 2, No. 45, Cooweescoowee district.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now do you? A Yes, sir.  
Q You live at Vinita? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Nathan Ross applies for the enrollment  
of himself as a Cherokee Freedman. He is duly identified upon  
the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the Kerns-Clifton roll.  
He makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed  
for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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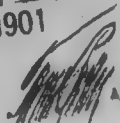




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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date May 22, 1901  
 Post Office Wright, Co  
 District \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name William Ross Age 35  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 168 No. 2491 District 2000

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by No. 1 Stenographer B. C. Jones

On Keweenaw Page 1 No. 43, 2000 Dist



COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
 Report made by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
 dated at Washington, D.C., May 15, 1880.

In the matter of the application of Susan Hudson for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
 Susan Hudson, being duly sworn, and examined by  
 Commissioners Messrs. [names], testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Susan Hudson.  
 Q What is your age? A I don't know, I can't tell you, I never did know my age, it has been put down as 40.  
 Q How old are you now? A I am somewhere close to 40.  
 Q What is your post office? A [unclear].  
 Q What district do you live in? A [unclear].  
 Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A [unclear].  
 Q What are the names of your children? A [unclear].  
 Q How old is [unclear]? A I don't know how old she is, she is somewhere close to 22, young as I can guess.  
 Q Will she have to come herself? A She is here, she is married; both of them is married, I have got only two children.  
 Q You have got no young children then? A No, sir.  
 Q Are you married? A No, sir, I am not married now.  
 Q Were you ever married? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Who so? A William Hudson.  
 Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
 Q You and him not living together? A No, sir.  
 Q When did you marry him, about how long ago? A I can't tell, I guess about 25 years ago.  
 Q The last authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified therein, page 407, No. 381, Illinois district.  
 Q Did you draw your strip money? A Yes, sir.  
 Q The 1880 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified therein, page 407, No. 381, Illinois district.  
 Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Live here now? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Commissioner? A Susan Hudson applies for the enrollment of herself. She is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1880 as a Cherokee Freedman, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Ernest O. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of May, 1880.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., May 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Susan Hudson for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Susan Elizabeth Hudson, being duly sworn, ask and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Susan Hudson.  
Q What is your age? A I don't know, I can't tell you, I never did know my age, it has been put down so much.  
Q About how old? A It is somewhere close to 40.  
Q What is your post office? A Vinita.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee district.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Two daughters.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Ellen.  
Q How old is Ellen? A I most lost her age too, she is somewhere close to 22, going on 23 as near as I can guess.  
Q Well she will have to come herself? A She is here, she is married; both of them is married, I have got only two children.  
Q You have got no young children then? A No, sir.  
Q Are you married? A No, sir, I am not married now.  
Q Were you ever married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who to? A William Hudson.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q You and him not living together? A No, sir.  
Q When did you marry him, about how long ago? A I can't tell, I guess about 24 years ago.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified therein, page 540, No. 331, Illinois district.

- Q Did you draw your strip money? A Yes, sir.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified therein, page 407, No. 255, Cooweescoowee district.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Live here now? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner? A Susan Hudson applies for the enrollment of herself. She is duly identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd day of May, 1901.

*Bruce G. Jones*  
*W. H. Needles*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

Date

Post Office

District

May 22d 1921  
 Minor S.S.  
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1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Lucy Hudson Age 40

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 540 No. 881 District Illinois

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

3. Ellen Hudson Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by

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On 96 will Page 407 No 255, Rev. Dist.

B.C. Jones



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